



# DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **Sheriff's Office New Hires/Promotions/Recognitions**

This morning, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office took time to honor and recognize the new hires and promotions that have taken place since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ceremonies have been put on hold to this point, but this morning with the beautiful weather, we were able to recognize our employees outdoors. All employees were reminded of the importance of living up to our Mission, Vision, and Core Values. The following employees had their ceremonial swear in with the exception of a few who were unable to attend. Those swear ins have or will happen at another time.

### **Communications Officer**

- Kate Rutz

### **Deputy Secretary**

- Kayla Angus

### **Correctional Officer**

- Jarred Yeargin
- Deyvis Perez Laguna

### **Court Security**

- Carl Schultz

### **Patrol Deputy**

- Andrew Dean
- Corey Horn

### **Community Service Officer**

- Travis Margelofsky

### **Promotion to Jail Corporal**

- Aaron Ellis

### **Promotion to Patrol Sergeant**

- Michael Workman

### **Promotion to Detective**

- Kelsey Knaup

In addition, the sheriff's office recognized that through the years several of our employees have done exemplary work, but some did not receive appropriate recognition at the time. As a result, nominations were accepted from our staff, reviewed by a committee of employees, and recommendations were made to honor the valued service of these employees. We would like to share with our community those recognitions that took place this morning as follows:

## **LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

Presented to sheriff's office members who perform their duties in a manner that demonstrates professionalism, devotion to duty, and dedication to the performance of the sheriff's office mission. This award is presented in the form of a letter to the employee signed by the division head or designee.

- Sergeant Brad Knoll – Incident that occurred January 14, 2020
- Lieutenant Brian Loos – Incident that occurred on December 26, 2013

## **LIFE-SAVING AWARD**

To be conferred upon any member of the sheriff's office whose actions directly contribute to saving or significantly prolonging human life. This award is presented in the form of a service medal, certificate, and letter of commendation.

- Deputy Kevin Harvancik – Incident that occurred on October 30, 1997
- Deputy Michael Morell – Incident that occurred on May 19, 2019
- Deputy Michael Morell – Incident that occurred on December 28, 2014 – Letter of Commendation previously issued – Life-saving Award was appropriate for this incident.
- Deputy Michael Morell – Incident that occurred many years ago (date not determined but verified)
- Detective Andrew Rolfs – Incident that occurred on May 16, 2010
- Deputy Kevin Homan – Incident that occurred on April 16, 2010
- Sergeant Dennis Walston – Incident that occurred on December 28, 2014
- Sergeant Dennis Walston – Incident that occurred on November 4, 2015

## **MEDAL OF DISTINCTION**

Awarded to sheriff's office members who distinguish themselves in the line of duty by acts of personal bravery not falling within the guidelines for the Medal of Valor. This award will be presented in the form of a service medal, a certificate, and a letter of commendation.

- Sheriff Dale Schmidt – Incident that occurred March 7, 2003

## **MEDAL OF VALOR**

Awarded to sheriff's office members for conspicuous gallantry while acting in the line of duty. Presented to officers for acts of exceptional bravery performed at very high risk to their own lives with full awareness of the danger involved. Also presented to the family of members of the sheriff's office killed in the line of duty. This award will be presented in the form of a service medal, a certificate, and a letter of commendation.

- Sergeant Jermey Wolfe – Incident that occurred on May 16, 2010
- Sergeant Eric Krueger – Incident that occurred on May 16, 2010

## **CITIZEN LETTER OF COMMENDATION**

Letter presented by the Sheriff for acts by citizens that go above and beyond what is expected of our citizens, such as life-saving efforts or other acts of high character which deserve recognition.

- Toby Scheier – Incident that occurred on July 25, 2020 (See attached Letter of Commendation)

Questions may be directed to Sheriff Dale J. Schmidt

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