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## City of Arlington Press Release

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## Arlington Police Department Annual Awards Presentation for 2019

(Arlington, WA) – The Arlington Police Department's annual award ceremony was held on Friday, January 24, 2020 at the Byrnes Performing Arts Center. The Department honored community members, volunteers, and other city staff for their contributions in supporting the Arlington Police Department and its mission. In addition, a number of officers were recognized for their hard work, efforts, and excellence in 2019.

The following is a complete list of the award recipients:

### Community Awards:

Presented in recognition of dedication to community partnerships through their extraordinary commitment to public safety and support of the Arlington Police Department to:

- The Stilly Diner for providing meals to all department personnel during Police Week
- S&S Roofing for sponsoring the department Bike Rodeo, including purchasing helmets to give away at the event, sponsoring the S'mores for K9s during the annual Hometown Holidays celebration, and donating and installing roofing materials for Oso's kennel.
- Arlington Walmart for sponsoring the 2019 Shop with a Cop event and donating \$10,000 to ensure that over 100 children and their families were able to celebrate Christmas.
- Smokey Point Starbucks for hosting Coffee with Cops meetings and bringing in local officers to serve coffee two times annually.
- R Transport for purchasing Blue Line flags that were hung on Olympic Avenue during Police Week
- Kent Prairie PTA for their support of the Arlington Police Department's K9 program
- Reece Construction for their donations of equipment, materials, and staff time to construct Oso's kennel.

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- Axis Roof & Gutter for their donations of equipment, materials, and staff time to construct two kennels at the Arlington Police Department to house lost dogs while they await reunification.

#### Award of Commendation:

Presented in recognition of acts of heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service to:

- Jim Eldridge, Arlington High School staff, for his quick actions to extinguish a small fire after a student detonated an improvised explosive device in the men's bathroom in the D-wing of Arlington High School.
- Arlington Police Officer Justin Olson who was instrumental in assisting with the subsequent criminal investigation into the detonated improvised explosive device including identifying, apprehending and interviewing the suspect.

#### Chief's Service Award:

Presented in recognition of efforts and dedication to improving the functionality of the Arlington Police Department:

- Jay Downing and Eric Hentila, for outstanding service reflecting credit upon themselves, the City's Maintenance & Operations Department, and the City of Arlington for their leadership during the ice and snowstorms of February 2019.
- Kristin Banfield, for outstanding service reflecting credit upon themselves, the Arlington Police Department, and the City of Arlington for her work as the Department's Public Information Officer and social media administrator.
- Katie Heim, for outstanding service reflecting credit upon themselves, the Arlington Police Department, and the City of Arlington for her work to develop a mapping tool for the department and public to show where speed studies have been completed within city limits and show where additional enforcement is required.

#### Volunteer Awards:

Presented in recognition of their hard work, dedication and exemplary efforts to provide extraordinary customer service, these volunteers have displayed incredible integrity and sense of civic duty in playing a key role to help meet the department's mission to improve the quality of life in Arlington to:

- Ed Krell, for taking the lead on the speed study program for the department, ensuring officers have up to date information on where problem areas exist for speeding.
- Al Lehman, for his exceedingly high level of customer service, knowledge, can-do attitude, and all around support to the department.

#### 5 Years of Service

Presented in recognition of staff in the Arlington Police Department that have served 5 years with the department.

- Officer Justin Olson

#### 15 Years of Service

Presented in recognition of staff in the Arlington Police Department that have served 15 years with the department.

- Sergeant Peter Barrett

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### 20 Years of Service

Presented in recognition of staff in the Arlington Police Department that have served 20 years with the department.

- Officer Erik Moon
- Detective Sergeant Mark Pennington
- Sergeant Kay Schander

### Certificate of Appreciation

Presented in recognition of assistance provided to the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office (Stanwood Police Department) for apprehension of multiple vandalism suspects at Stanwood High School

- Officer Mike McQuoid

### Chief's Traffic Enforcement Award:

Presented in recognition of efforts to increase public safety on the streets and highways in the City of Arlington through the use of both enforcement and education in addressing dangerous behaviors that compromise traffic safety.

- Officer Joshua Fox

### Chief's Community Engagement Award:

Presented in recognition of efforts to build sustainable partnerships for the purpose of reducing crime, protecting the image of law enforcement, and applying a collective vision for the benefit of the entire community.

- Detective Mike Phillips
- Police Services Technician II Andrea Hill
- Officer Shelly Hamel

### Chief's DUI Award:

Presented in recognition of efforts to reduce traffic fatalities through diligent enforcement of DUI laws and the detection and apprehension of intoxicated drivers operating on the roadways of Snohomish County, Washington State.

- Officer Joshua Fox

### Life Saving Award:

Presented in appreciation for the prompt and unselfish act of rendering aid and assistance to a citizen that resulted in the saving of a life.

- Officer Molly Ingram

### Police Employee of the Year:

Since 2003, the Arlington Police Department has honored employees who display unusual excellence during the course of that year. Employees are awarded this distinction after being nominated by their peers and or supervisory staff, and upon the concurrence of the command staff. Employees who receive this honor display the highest values of the police profession including Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, Professionalism, and Innovation.

- Sergeant Mike Gilbert