



POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

By Robert Hubner, Director, Woodbridge Police Department



The Woodbridge Police Department instituted a program to recognize outstanding performance by Officers assigned to the Radio Patrol Division in 2012. Each quarter of the year, an officer is nominated by his/her Shift Commander and/or Squad Sergeant(s) as the outstanding Officer of each Patrol Squad and one (1) Officer is selected as the Officer-of-the-Quarter. At the end of the year, an Officer-of-the-Year is selected from the four (4) Officers-of-the-Quarter selections.

For the year 2016, Police Officer Michael Tapia was awarded Officer of the 1st Quarter; Police Officer Nicolas Iacovou was awarded Officer of the 2nd Quarter; Police Officer Matthew Carney was awarded Officer of the 3rd Quarter; and Officer Cory Oberberger was awarded Officer of the 4th Quarter.

Selecting an Officer-of-the-Year from the four (4) officers who were selected as Officer-of-the-Quarter is no easy task. Established criteria includes: Appearance, Attendance, Professional Conduct, Community Relations, Employee Development, Arrest Procedures, and General Investigative Activities. After an exhaustive review, Police Officer Cory Oberberger has been selected as the 2016 Officer-of-the-Year.

Officer Oberberger remained proactive in his patrol duties throughout 2016 which led to numerous self-initiated arrests, including arrest of defendants for narcotic violations, wanted persons, and driving while intoxicated.

The following is an example of the actions of Officer Oberberger. During 2016, Officer Oberberger, while investigating panic alarm activation arrested a suspect who was armed with a loaded handgun. Also during 2016, Officer Oberberger, while responding to a burglary in progress call located a vehicle which was reported to have fled the scene of the burglary occupied by four (4) individuals. After an investigation, the occupants were arrested and jewelry stolen from the home was recovered. As noted by his nominating supervisor, "Officer Oberberger's professionalism and work ethic make him one of the best officers in the department. His unwavering commitment to public safety makes him stand out amongst his peers." Congratulations Officer!!!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

By John M. Mitch, Municipal Clerk



Q. My neighborhood wants to have a block party, is a permit required?

A. Yes, to close a road for a block party an application must be submitted to the Municipal Clerk at least 30 days before the event. No street closure for this purpose can exceed eight (8) hours and the street must be fully opened no later than 8:00 PM or dusk, whichever comes first.

Q. My non-profit organization wants to have a fund-raising raffle or 50/50; what do I need to do?

A. First, your organization must be registered with the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and hold a current registration certificate. If so, you can apply at the Municipal Clerk's Office in the municipality in which the game(s) of game of chance will be conducted. It is recommended that applications be submitted with affidavits and fees at least four weeks in advance of the game(s) to ensure there are no issues. If your organization plans to print raffle tickets – in Woodbridge Township, the raffle license number will not be issued until at least 14-days after the fully completed application and fee(s) have been received.

Q. Where can I register to vote in town?

A. You can register to vote at the Municipal Building or at any of the Township's libraries. For convenience, you can also access the form on the Township website (www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us). Forms are provided in multiple languages.

Q. Am I registered to vote?

A. You can verify if you are registered to vote by calling the County Board of Elections at: 732 745-3471 or by calling the Municipal Clerk's Office at: 732 602-6007.

Q. Do I need a permit to install a fence?

A. Yes. A Zoning Board permit is required. It is recommended that the property owner contact the Zoning Officer (732-634-4500 x6434) to confirm whether or not you will need a variance, especially with corner properties.

Q. Does the township notarize documents?

A. No. Generally a personal bank or pharmacist will have someone available to do so. Be aware however that a fee may be charged.

Q. Where can I obtain a parking permit for the Township streets which have residential permit parking?

A. If you reside on a street that requires a residential parking permit(s), you can apply at the Police Department (Town Hall - Ground Floor) during normal business hours. Applications are available on the Township website under the Police Department. The address on your driver's license, vehicle registration, and insurance card must all match and be provided at time of application. Non-residents are not entitled to these permits. Township residents who do not reside on one of the permitted streets are also not entitled to these permits.

Q. Where do we apply for a marriage license?

A. In the Office of Vital Statistics in the town where either of the applicants reside. (This is a change to the law that used to require couples file in the home town of the bride.) In Woodbridge, it is the Municipal Clerk's Office. Applicants should also be aware that upon a fully completed application, the license shall not be issued for at least 72- hours unless directed otherwise through a court order. There is a fee of \$ 28.00 for the license.

Q. Is blood work required in conjunction with a marriage license?

A. No. It is no longer required.

Q. Where can I get a certified copy of my marriage license?

A. At the Office of Vital Statistics in the town in which the license was obtained (not the town where the license was applied for unless it is the same). Applicant must show proof of identification as well as the exact date and location of the marriage.

Q. Does your office process Passports?

A. No longer. You can either process your application at the Woodbridge Post Office or through the Middlesex County Clerk's Office in New Brunswick. The Federal government stopped local municipal offices years ago from processing Passport requests.

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March 25, 2017

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300 Roselle Street, Linden, NJ

DOORS OPEN: 5:30 PM

DINNER SERVED: 6:00-7:30 PM

SHOW STARTS: 8:15 PM

****CASH BAR****

TICKETS \$50.00/pp

INCLUDES BUFFET DINNER

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NO TICKET SALES AFTER 3/8/17

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