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## Newburgh Heights Police Announce Awards

The Newburgh Heights Police Department is pleased to announce the 2014 Service Award Program. These awards are designed to recognize individual achievements of officers in the performance of their duties.

**Officer of the Year: Officer Mike Marniella**

Definition: awarded to an officer for providing the highest quality police service to the public, promoting the Department and cooperation among fellow officers. This award will be presented on an annual basis with a vote of all members of the police department.

**Chief Service Award: Lt. Thomas Frohwerk & Sergeant Cory Kuzyk**

Definition: To be awarded to an officer for providing the highest quality of service to the Department, promoting efficient police service and assistance to the Chief of Police in the operation of the Department. Eligibility of this award to be determined solely by the Chief of Police, who at his discretion, may or may not make this award to an officer on an annual basis.

**Purple Heart Award: Officer Shawn Finch**

Definition: To be awarded to an officer who is injured in the line of duty while performing an enforcement action. Eligibility for this award is to be determined by the Chief of Police.

**Top OVI Performer: Officer Sarah Bitter**

Definition: Awarded to the officer with the most OVI arrests for the calendar year. She will also receive recognition at a January 27 luncheon with the Safe Community Coalition.

The following officers/employees received letters of commendation for their involvement in performance above and beyond the call of duty for assisting a needy family at Christmas time: Officer Terry Aytay, Officer Mike Marniella, Officer Chris Munk, Officer Rob Veverka and administrative assistant Shelly Rhome.

Chief John Majoy remarked, "We've made tremendous strides in 2014 and the hard work, determination and service by our officers has been outstanding. I am proud to work with them. I am also thankful for the support of our elected officials who have offered a tremendous amount of support."