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INCIDENT # | DESCRIPTION | LOCATION OF INCIDENT
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 |  | City Hall
 |  | 1115 S. Main Street, West Bend

DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT | VICTIM | SUSPECT | ARRESTED
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02/17/14 |  |  | Yes ( ) No (X)

BRIEF STATEMENT OF FACTS

On Monday, February 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, the City of West Bend and the West Bend Police Department will be recognizing citizens that assisted the West Bend Police Department throughout 2013. The citizens assisted in clearing crimes, preventing crimes, and helping their fellow citizens in need.

The West Bend Police Department and the City of West Bend thank each of these individuals for their efforts and commitment to our community.

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2013 Citizen Appreciation Award Recipients

**Austin J. Torbeck**
On March 20, 2013 while working at Hart Mobil, Austin J. Torbeck refused to sell alcohol to an intoxicated male who had driven to the gas station. He then observed the male attempting to drive away, stopped the male and called police. The male PBT’ed at .22 and was arrested for 10th Offense Operating While Intoxicated. As a result of Mr. Torbeck reporting this potentially dangerous situation, no one was hurt and the incident ended with a safe outcome.

**Sara A. Walker-Frank**
On May 4, 2013 Sara A. Walker-Frank was walking on the paths at Lac Lawrann with her children when she witnessed two 16 year old females attempting to break into the Maurin Education Center. Sara called Police to report the incident. Due to Ms. Walker-Frank’s reporting of this incident and her accurate description of the actors, both subjects were arrested.

**Kylie H. Thompson**
In May of 2013 Kylie Thompson, a 6th grade special education teacher at Badger Middle School, presented an informative training session to the officers on how to approach and communicate with autistic subjects within our community. In her presentation she explained there are certain items commonly used by school staff to communicate with its autistic students. A couple weeks later Ms. Thompson dropped off a box of twenty-one kits containing the items which she had compiled herself, on her own time and with her own funds. Ms. Thompson’s generosity and initiative save the taxpayers’ money, increased probability of successful interactions between officers and autistic subjects, and demonstrated her commitment to her students and community.

**Timothy Phillips**
On June 3, 2013 Timothy Phillips was driving to his residence and observed a female walking in the roadway. Mr. Phillips was very suspicious of the female as she continued to turn and look at him until he lost sight of her. Upon hearing of the burglary of a neighboring residence he contacted police and gave a detailed physical description of the female. Mr. Phillips willingness to get involved assisted detectives in identifying and ultimately arresting the suspect for numerous burglaries in the City of West Bend and in other jurisdictions.

**Tonia A. Calo-Tilson & Debra L. Winterhack**
On July 9, 2013 Tonia A. Calo-Tilson and Debra L. Winterhack, both registered nurses, were walking when they heard a “noise.” They turned around to see a female, who had been struck by a vehicle while riding her bicycle, lying in the roadway. Ms. Calo-Tilson and Ms. Winterhack immediately went to her aid. The 17 year old victim was lying in traffic and was unconscious for a brief period of time. Ms. Calo-Tilson and Ms. Winterhack worked together to divert traffic and tend to the victim. In assessing the victim they knew she could not be moved until the arrival of emergency medical personnel. Ms. Calo-Tilson and Ms. Winterhack risked their personal safety to render aid and comfort the victim until the arrival of West Bend Fire Department. Ms. Calo-Tilson’s and Ms. Winterhack’s quick thinking and decisive actions prevented further injury to the 17 year old.
Rebecca L. Sailer
On August 18, 2013 while waiting in the drive thru line at Walgreen’s, Rebecca Sailer heard a cry for help from the vehicle behind hers. Ms. Sailer, an off-duty Emergency Medical Technician, responded to the vehicle and found a two year child turning blue and it appeared the child was not breathing. She evaluated the child then immediately began C.P.R. Shortly thereafter the child began breathing again. She then monitored the child until West Bend Fire Department personnel arrived. Ms. Sailer’s experience as an E.M.T. and her quick action prevented the child losing his life.

Cody T. Bauer
On August 4, 2013 Cody Bauer was leaving his place of employment and witnessed a male armed with a knife and a semi-automatic pistol attacking a 45 year old female. Mr. Bauer immediately rushed to the aide of the female victim. Mr. Bauer fought with the suspect and attempted to take the knife from him. As they struggled, the suspect was able to enter the victim’s vehicle and attempted to drive the vehicle. Mr. Bauer continued to struggle with the suspect to prevent him from harming to the victim further, harming anyone else, or fleeing the scene before police arrived. Mr. Bauer was able to get the knife from the suspect and was able to engage the emergency brake on the car to prevent the suspect from driving the vehicle. Police arrived and were able to take the suspect into custody. Mr. Cody Bauer’s quick thinking and actions prevented additional bodily harm to the victim and other innocent citizens. The West Bend Police Department and the citizens of West Bend thank Mr. Cody Bauer for his actions and for risking his own personal safety to aide others.

David W. and MaryAnn J. Rathke
On September 14, 2013 David Rathke and his wife MaryAnn Rathke were driving in their vehicle when Mr. Rathke observed Police Officer Hill on the sidewalk with a subject on a bicycle. The subject got off the bicycle and immediately took two swings at Officer Hill attempting to strike him. Mr. Rathke pulled over and watched Officer Hill to make sure he was safe until additional officers arrived. The West Bend Police Department would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Rathke for their actions and concern for Officer Hill’s safety.

John J. Boehm & Judy Johnson-Boehm
On September 17, 2013 John Boehm and Judy Johnson-Boehm were in their backyard and they could hear a “clanging” sound and saw a white light. They investigated the noises and discovered a male whose motorized wheelchair had tipped over after he had ridden over some exposed roots on a path leading to Regner Park. The male was unable to get himself back in the wheelchair thus had been lying on the path for approximately 7 hours. If Mr. & Mrs. Boehm had not investigated the noise and located the citizen, it was possible due to his medical conditions that he may not have survived the night or could have become seriously ill.

Marvin D. Young
On January 2, 2014 Marvin Young was in his yard when he noticed a large amount of smoke coming from the east side of his neighbor’s residence. He went to investigate and found a large wood pile up against the residence on fire. He made contact with his 81 year old neighbor who was unaware of the fire. He helped his neighbor exit the residence and contacted 911. Mr. Young’s quick and courageous actions saved the life of his neighbor who was unaware of the fire and ensured the Fire Department arrived on scene quickly to reduce the damage to the residence.
Scott A. Christopherson
On January 4, 2014 Scott Christoperson was contacted during a canvass of his neighborhood after a vehicle struck and damaged a City owned tree then fled the scene. He was given a description of a suspect vehicle and asked to contact police if he were to see any vehicles that had extensive front end damage. Later that day he observed the suspected vehicle with the described damage, observed where the vehicle had gone and contacted police. Based on the information provided by Mr. Christopherson, officers were able to locate the vehicle and take the necessary action against the driver who admitted damaging the tree. Mr. Christopherson’s assistance to the Police Department ensured that the person responsible was brought to justice and saved taxpayer dollars.

Thomas R. & William R. Ihlenfeld
Thomas and William Ihlenfeld joined the Crime Prevention Patrol of the West Bend Police Department in 1983. In the past 30 years they have provided traffic control at Memorial Day Parades, Seafood Fests, Bob Cross and the Boys & Girls Clubs 5K Runs, Independence Day Parades, Music on Main, Germanfests, Wheels on Main, numerous church festivals, and Christmas Parades. During their years in the Crime Prevention Patrol, Thomas and William have each donated over 2,500 hours to the City of West Bend. Because the events the Ihlenfeld’s and other Crime Prevention members donate their time to would not be possible without their help the entire West Bend community recognizes and thanks Thomas and William Ihlenfeld for their over 60 years of service.

Gordon J. Kluever Jr.
Gordon Kluever Jr. joined the West Bend Police Department’s Crime Prevention Patrol over 25 years ago. During his years in the Patrol he has donated over 2,000 hours at events including Memorial Day Parades, Seafood Fests, Bob Cross and the Boys & Girls Clubs 5K Runs, Independence Day Parades, Music on Main, Germanfests, Wheels on Main, numerous church festivals, and Christmas Parades. In addition to his volunteer hours at the above events, Gordie has taken a leadership role in the Patrol. On previous years he has served on the executive board as a sergeant and vice-president. This past year his peers elected him as captain, which is the head of the Crime Prevention Patrol. We thank Gordon Kluever for his years of leadership on the Crime Prevention Patrol and thousands of hours of service to the community.