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2016 RISING SHIELDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT NAMED BY ILLINOIS CHIEFS OF POLICE

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Three up-and-coming leaders in various fields of law enforcement have been selected by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (IACOP) as the 2016 recipients of “Rising Shields of Law Enforcement” for their leadership in advancing the field.

Sgt. Tino Cipolla (Woodstock Police Department), Special Agent Matthew Poulter (Illinois State Police Zone 4, Macomb), and Sheriff's Deputy Vincent Sciarrone (Lake County Sheriff's Department) were chosen for the awards from among nominees representing large, medium and small-sized local police departments as well as a state agency. They will receive their awards on April 22, 2016 at the IACOP Annual Training Conference in Schaumburg, IL.

The Rising Shields awards encourage outstanding leaders under the age of 45 and below the rank of Deputy Chief or Lieutenant to continue to grow in the profession. The awards serve to educate the public about the many contributions of sworn officers and others who work in law enforcement, and they help communities better understand the often, unrecognized roles that law enforcement personnel play in keeping communities safe.

Sgt. Tino Cipolla



Sgt. Constantino Cipolla strongly believes in the culture of a positive attitude and physical fitness. Sgt. Cipolla remains at the forefront of firearms and tactical response/critical incident training and strives to maintain a high level of training as the department's Range Master and tactics instructor. Sgt. Cipolla regularly participates in and organizes various law enforcement charity functions such as Law Enforcement Torch Run (Special Olympics), ILETRSO Polar Plunge, McHenry County Police Charities, “Shop with a Cop” programs, and Woodstock Food Pantry Food Drive via Woodstock Police Explorers.

In January of 2012, Sgt. Cipolla created the Woodstock Police Explorers Post #765 from inception and now leads one of the largest posts in McHenry County. Sgt. Cipolla is committed to inspiring, guiding and training the next generation of law enforcement officers and continues to strive to maintain a very challenging and rewarding training curriculum for these young adults. Sgt. Cipolla also started and oversees the WPD's first-ever internship program, and continues to maintain a challenging field placement in the WPD to provide the best educational opportunities to those college level students who participate in the program.

Special Agent Matthew Poulter



At the time he was nominated, Poulter was a trooper in District 20 (Pittsfield). He was a Field Training Officer, mentoring young officers and demonstrating his leadership skills on a daily basis. His motivation and dedication to go above and beyond the call of duty cannot be overstated. His strong work ethic serves as an example to other officers. He also serves on the Illinois State Police Honor Guard Team, serving at funerals and other details.

Trooper Poulter was nominated for Trooper of the Year and led the district in DUI arrests in 2014. He has always been interested in law and places a strong emphasis on education and routinely provides presentations to community members, students, and public safety partners in order to build relationships, ascertain concerns, and promote law enforcement.

By the time he was honored at the April 22 banquet, he had been promoted to Special Agent, conducting investigations in Illinois State Police Zone 4 (Macomb).

Deputy Vincent Sciarrone



Deputy Vincent Sciarrone became a member of the Lake County Sheriff's Office in 2012, after having spent six years with the Round Lake Beach Police Department. Deputy Sciarrone brought with him a wealth of knowledge and training as he specialized in DUI Enforcement and Investigation, Drug Enforcement and Investigations, and is considered a Juvenile Specialist. As a member of the Sheriff's Office, Sciarrone quickly became leader among the rank and file. In just three years, Sciarrone obtained the status of Field Training Officer, Drug Recognition Expert and Evidence Technician.

Sciarrone's aggressive pursuit of DUI drivers led to 20 arrests in 2014 and 40 arrests in 2015. He has been recognized for achievement in the area of DUI Enforcement. His relentless efforts have helped to keep Lake County's roadways safe.

Sciarrone grew up in a law enforcement family; his father, Tony Sciarrone, is the police chief of the Island Lake Police Department.