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## FRANCONIA OFFICERS RECEIVE COMMENDATIONS

The Franconia Township Police Department has honored members of the department for their achievements during the year 2006. Chief of Police Joseph Kozeniewski presented the commendations at the annual police department dinner on December 21, 2006. Each officer was presented with a certificate that detailed their accomplishments. Additionally, the officers will receive honor bars to wear above their uniform badges. The awards presented were as follows:

- ATTENDANCE - Sergeant Jeffery C. Gower, Detective George Moyer III, Officers Glenn H. Kranich, Timothy Boyle, and Albert Gesullo were recognized for attaining perfect attendance for the year. Gower has achieved fifty-nine consecutive months of perfect attendance.
- SERVICE – Officer Wayne Pursell was honored upon the completion of ten years of law enforcement service.
- COMMUNITY SERVICE – Officers David Klepfer and Timothy Boyle were honored for their commitment to the outreach of the police department to the members of the community. Through the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program, they have expanded their involvement with community organizations in providing assistance and education where it is needed.
- DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATIONS were presented to Officers Eric Fray and Chuck Stockert for their brave efforts in evacuating a home that had caught fire and other homes that were threatened when a large barn burned on December 22, 2005. They brought a three year old child to safety from a home that had filled with smoke.

- MERIT CITATIONS –
  1. Officer Glenn Kranich for the arrest of two men who had just burglarized a township business during the early morning hours of August 27, 2006.
  2. Officer Wayne Pursell was recognized for his work in a lengthy investigation that resulted in the arrest of a juvenile who was selling marijuana in the juvenile's neighborhood.
  3. The ongoing efforts of Police Secretary Janice Froshour were honored with a certificate, also. She has developed numerous computer databases for better tracking of statistics as well as streamlining many of the department's operations.
- DISTINGUISHED TEAM CITATIONS were presented to six department members for their outstanding efforts at a recent major disturbance at a township business. Sergeant Jeffery Gower, Corporals Edward Hall and Stephen Rinker, Officers Glenn Kranich and Albert Gesullo, and Police Secretary Janice Froshour worked in a team effort to bring the situation under control during an intense period.

Chief Kozeniewski expressed his pride in the recipients of the commendations. He remarked that the people of Franconia Township should be proud to have such a motivated group of police officers and staff working here.

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