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John Schnadenberg of Chesterton is Awarded the Community Service Award



Pictured Above (From Left): John Schnadenberg of Chesterton and David Cincoski, Chief of the Chesterton Police Department.

Indianapolis, IN (February 17, 2014) —The Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) held their annual awards ceremony last month during the IACP Mid-Winter Conference. Among the honorees, was John Schnadenberg of Chesterton, winner of the 2013 Community Service Award.

Indiana has a wealth of law enforcement professionals who go above and beyond the call of duty in pursuit of excellence. The IACP holds an annual awards ceremony in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Conference, to honor and promote excellence within the Indiana Law Enforcement community.

The Chesterton Police Department has had a reserve officer program since 1982. In 1986, John Schnadenberg was sworn in as a reserve officer with the Chesterton Police Department. Reserve officers are civilian personnel, who after completing statutory requirements and training, may obtain reserve officer status and function as a fully sworn police officer with no compensation.

Schnadenberg has now been a reserve officer for 26 years, serving over 9,000 hours in an official capacity. During this time, Schnadenberg has served side-by-side with full-time sworn officers, completing the same tasks, answering the same calls and going the same places that full-time officers have, all for free. Through his tenure, he has served under three police chiefs and seen 30 reserve officers go through the program. He is currently the longest employee of the department.

David Cincoski, Chief of the Chesterton Police Department, nominated Schnadenberg for the 2013 Community Service Award stating, “In an emergency situation, John is often the first to arrive on scene and is willing to do any task assigned to him, no matter how mundane and trivial it seems. John voluntarily attends all levels of department training and is probably better trained than most probationary officers.”

In addition to Schnadenberg’s service as a reserve officer, he acts as the superintendent of the Chesterton Street Department. He has also been instrumental in developing the first Reserve Officer Field Training Standard Operating Procedures (S.O.P.) for the Chesterton Police Department and is on the selection panel for new reserve officer selections.

“There is not a full-time officer in the Chesterton Police Department that would feel safe and secure with John backing them up, and many would argue that they would prefer John having their back than certain other full-time officers,” Cincoski shared.

To see all the award winners from the IACP Mid-Winter Conference, please visit www.iacop.org.

About the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

The Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police represents in excess of 95% of municipal law enforcement from around the state of Indiana and has been chartered since 1922. It and its sister foundation provide educational training and benefits to its nearly 500 members.

The mission of the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police is to promote professionalism, training and networking for the law enforcement executive and to enhance public awareness of law enforcement and public safety issues.

The Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police is an individual member organization consisting of ten local districts within the State of Indiana. Each District has its own elected two-year representative on the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors develops policies and programs for the membership as a whole. To learn more about the IACP, please visit www.iacop.org.

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