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Saint Paul Police Department Announces **Officer-Detective-Civilian Employee of the Year Winners** *Corrected – Civilian Employee Honorable Mention*

Saint Paul Police Chief John M. Harrington today presented the Officer of the Year, Detective of the Year, and Civilian Employee of Year Award to three members of the department at a luncheon ceremony. These honors symbolize the highest level of achievement among sworn and non-sworn members of the Saint Paul Police Department.

2009 “Officer of the Year” - Officer Charles M. Anderson

Officer Charles “Charlie” Anderson began his career with the department on February 17, 2007. He has been assigned to the department’s Central District since his graduation from the police academy.

Officer Charles Anderson was selected for his numerous community policing endeavors. In 2009, he was chosen to be part of the Central District GRID program. He immediately displayed great leadership and problem solving ability. While working in the Rice Street area, he helped establish a lower Rice Street business association and worked closely with landlords to educate and enlist them into crime-free multi-housing. The first annual Rice Street Public Safety Fair was held for Saint Paul residents in September, 2009. As the coordinator for this event, he devoted countless hours of his own time to develop a fair that would ensure that all elements of safety were covered in a manner that was fun and appealing to all. His meticulous planning and organizational skills undoubtedly were key to such a praised community event. He has also willingly serves as a featured writer for the Monitor, a neighborhood newspaper for the Midway, Como and North End Communities. With great ease and enthusiasm, he has written articles promoting community involvement, education and awareness. As a young officer, he has proven to be a role model. His dedication, passion and strong work ethic have been monumental to our department and the citizens of Saint Paul.

2009 “Detective of the Year” - Sergeant Patricia T. Englund

Sergeant Patricia “Trish” Englund began her career with the Saint Paul Police Department on May 17, 1997. Sergeant Englund has held a variety of positions in the department, most recently as an investigator in the Homicide Unit.

Sergeant Englund was selected for her outstanding work in our Homicide Unit and with reducing violent crimes in Saint Paul. Her expertise with tracking and identifying illegal guns has made her a top expert within our department and also throughout the metro area. Many of the suspects of aggravated assault cases, that were not able to be charged for some reason, were charged with serious gun violations through her extraordinary efforts. As most of these charges carry a minimum of five years, many violent criminals have been removed from the streets. Her work with conceiving the idea and then writing, securing and implementing the Stop Armed Gang Activity (SAGA) grant to fight gang violence has substantially reduced the amount of violence, generated by two targeted gangs, overall by an amazing 41%. In addition, there were 15 homicides in 2009, which is the lowest in most recent history for the unit, and the number of cases assigned to the unit dropped by almost 400. When the Unit Commander is unavailable, she is the Executive Officer in Charge. During these times, she often reads the incoming case reports before she comes to work and can make connections to past cases or to past suspects before anyone else. She has a remarkable ability to recall details that can put investigators immediately in the right direction of pursuing a possible suspect. The assistance she provides not only to Homicide, but to the other units in our department, and in some cases to outside agencies, is invaluable and has made her a well respected member of law enforcement. Her talents, passion and dedication have made a direct and positive impact on crime in Saint Paul.

2009 “Civilian Employee of the Year” - Jeffrey G. Neuberger

Jeffrey “Jeff” Neuberger began his career with the City of Saint Paul on September 21, 2000. Mr. Neuberger has been assigned to the Building Services Unit in the police department since beginning his career with the City.

Mr. Neuberger was honored for his dedication to preserving the history of the Saint Paul Police Department. For many years, the hallways at headquarters were bare. They are now filled with over 250 photos from the very beginning years of our department, through the gangster era, to the most present times. Employees, retirees and guests now walk the halls in awe at the wonderful portrayal of duty, sacrifice and tradition of our department. He has selflessly devoted countless hours to this project and has funded most of it with his own money.

A few times a year, his other hidden talent of cooking has helped him fund this project. Many employees have enjoyed the delicious and unique food he has cooked for them. Instead of reimbursing himself with the monetary donations they gave him, he used that money to purchase the frames or enlarge the photos that now decorate our facility. As a member of the Saint Paul Police Historical Society, he has taken an active role in assisting citizens who have questions regarding their ancestor's history with our department. His research, which sometimes involves combing through birth and death records, census information and numerous old newspapers, not only enlightens them about their family history, but often provides them with lasting anecdotes to pass on to future generations. The passion and enthusiasm he displays for the history of the Saint Paul Police Department are quite admirable.

Honorable mention honorees were as follows:

Officer of the Year

Acting Sergeant Jeremy A. Ellison – Juvenile Unit

Detective of the Year

Officer Chou J. Yang – Gang Unit

Civilian Employee of the Year

Brett M. Smith – Impound Lot