

Commendations and Awards

1014.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides general guidelines for recognizing commendable or meritorious acts of members of the Plymouth Township Police Department and individuals from the community.

1014.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Plymouth Township Police Department to recognize and acknowledge exceptional individual or group achievements, performance, proficiency, heroism and service of its members and individuals from the community through commendations and awards.

1014.3 COMMENDATIONS

Commendations for members of the Department or for individuals from the community may be initiated by any department member or by any person from the community.

1014.4 CRITERIA

A meritorious or commendable act may include, but is not limited to:

- Superior handling of a difficult situation.
- Conspicuous bravery or outstanding performance.
- Any action or performance that is above and beyond typical duties.

1014.4.1 DEPARTMENT MEMBER DOCUMENTATION

Members of the Department should document meritorious or commendable acts. The documentation should contain:

- (a) Identifying information:
 1. For members of the Department - name, division and assignment at the date and time of the meritorious or commendable act
 2. For individuals from the community - name, address, telephone number
- (b) A brief account of the meritorious or commendable act with report numbers, as appropriate.
- (c) The signature of the member submitting the documentation.

1014.4.2 COMMUNITY MEMBER DOCUMENTATION

Documentation of a meritorious or commendable act submitted by a person from the community should be accepted in any form. However, written documentation is preferred. Department members accepting the documentation should attempt to obtain detailed information regarding the matter, including:

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1014.4.3 PROCESSING DOCUMENTATION

The supervisor will document the meritorious or commendable act of a member of the Department or the community and forwarded it to their supervisor. The supervisor will present it to the evaluating committee, who will review the recommendation. and present the findings to the Chief of Police for his/her consideration.

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee will present the commendation to the department member. A copy of the commendation will be maintained in the member's personnel file.

An appropriate venue or ceremony to acknowledge the commendation may be arranged. Documentation of the commendation should be maintained in a file designated for such records.

1014.5 AWARDS

Awards may be bestowed upon members of the Department and individuals from the community. These awards include:

- Commendation Bars
- Officer of the Year
- Commendation for Valor
- Commendation for Bravery
- Commendation for Heroism
- Wounded in Combat Commendation
- Commendation of Merit
- Commendation of Exceptional Service
- Unit Citation
- Commendatory Letter
- Citizen's Commendation

Criteria for each award and the selection, presentation and display of any award are determined by the Chief of Police.