

Fruitport officers and others lend a helpful hand

By Mary Weimer

Although we do not usually report on news items which have been covered by other local and national media, in view of recent "bad" press for police officers and with Law Enforcement Week beginning on May 10, we had to remind everyone that Fruitport Township has two very special police officers.

Officers Jason Pavlige and James Hodges purchased a car seat for a family in need recently, following a routine traffic stop in February. When the officers discovered that the couple in the car had a baby with them but had no car seat, they went to an area store and purchased a car seat with their own money.

Officer Hodges had previously been recognized for paying for fuel for a stranded motorist. The motorist had run out of gas while trying to get to his family for Thanksgiving. Hodges gave money from his own pocket to help him out.

The officers received an award from the Lakeshore Traffic Safety Committee and the Michigan State Police Office of Highway Safety Planning for their car seat gesture, as well as much community, national, and international support. These officers certainly are examples of Fruitport Police Department's motto: "Dedicated to Serve."

Fruitport Township Police Detective Lt. Bruce Morningstar commented, "We have great police officers and firefighters in this community, but there are great officers and firefighters in every community. I think this is symbolic of what many police and firefighters do routinely, just without the intense recognition that this has gained. The community is full of generous public safety officials, and the Muskegon County area is fortunate to have them."

Fruitport Officer Dan Butler was recognized in November for donating a bed from his own home to a woman who didn't have enough beds in her house for her children.

Whitehall Police Officer James Duram was recognized for locating a lost child and for finding some well-hidden marijuana plants.

Muskegon Police Officer Trevor Gerlach not only assisted in capturing two of three suspects following a home invasion, he fixed the elderly victim's door on his own time, and purchased the materials with his own money.

Muskegon County Sheriff Deputy Lt. Mark Burns was credited with saving the life of a court bailiff who was choking.

Muskegon firefighters rescued two unconscious victims from a burning house in October, 2013.

Morningstar added, "This is representative of officers across the nation. It's unfortunate that people would find this surprising. Police officers and firefighters do these kinds of things on a regular basis."

Warning issued of credible threat to all law enforcement

(Courtesy, Blue Alert News)

April 27: The Baltimore Police Department Criminal Intelligence Unit has received credible information that members of various gangs, including the Black Guerrilla Family, Bloods, and Crips, have entered into a partnership to "take-out" law enforcement officers.

This is a credible threat. Law Enforcement Agencies should take appropriate precautions to ensure the safety of officers. •

City of Muskegon wins historic preservation award

(Submitted by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network)

The Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) is pleased to announce the 2015 Historic Preservation Awards winners. Ten award winners from across Michigan were selected in six categories, including: Building, Community, Preservation Gem, Government/Institution, Tax Credit, and Lifetime Achievement. A reception and awards ceremony will be held Friday, May 15, 2015 at the Griswold Communications Center on the campus of Northwood University in Midland, Michigan.

The Community Award is presented to a community; e.g. neighborhood association, business preservation group, historical society, etc. that has engaged in a comprehensive plan for historic preservation related projects.

The 2015 Community Award is presented to the City of Muskegon; the Baker College Interior Design Program (Historic Preservation class); Nakkia Grissom, Greenridge Realty, Inc.; Kay Pittman, Realtor; and the Michigan Coastal Credit Union for the rehabilitation of 1500 Leahy. Thanks to the vision, collaboration and sheer persistence of this team, the Streamline Moderne residence in Muskegon was saved from demolition, restored, and is now giving new life to a local family. •

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