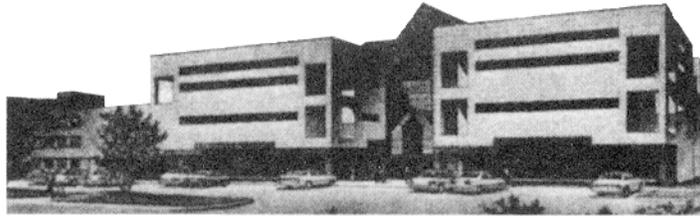




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**NEWS RELEASE**

***Deputy/Officer/CO of the Year - Optimist***

Congratulations to Lieutenant Thomas Wallschlaeger of the City of Waukesha Police Department, Deputy James Materna of the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department and Correctional Officer Abbigale Lidwin of the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department for the 2015 Optimist Club "Employee of the Year Award".

Lieutenant Wallschlaeger is being recognized for all of his career achievements in law enforcement. He has worked in many different areas of the department some of which include; Waukesha County Metropolitan Drug Unit, Crime Prevention Bureau, School Resource Officer, Field Training Officer as well as a Firearms instructor and a Defensive Tactics instructor. In 2009 he was promoted to sergeant and in 2011 he was promoted to lieutenant. Lt. Wallschlaeger is an outstanding peer, an excellent mentor, a coach to officers, young and old, and he continues to display true leadership.

Deputy Materna has been instrumental in training all court staff, including; Judges, Commissioners, Court Clerks, and Reporters on security protocols, active shooters, and threats to staff and the facility with a system and training program that he developed. Deputy Materna is also active with the Waukesha Sheriff Explorer program and under his leadership the Explorers took 1st Place overall that the State of Wisconsin Annual Explorer competition at Fox Valley. Deputy Materna is always professional and maintains a high level of integrity.

Correctional Officer Abbigale Lidwin is able to work in any jail duty position in an outstanding manner, requiring minimal supervision or direction. She works in numerous high risk areas of the jail and is very effective in handling the challenging, difficult and often dangerous population within the jail. Officer Lidwin is a Jail Training Officer and is often assigned to train recruit correctional staff. Officer Lidwin is a dedicated professional, takes pride in a job well-done and is a leader on her shift.

Congratulations to all of you for your dedication to the Citizens of Waukesha County. Thank you to the Optimist Club for your continued support to those that serve the community.



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