



**MANHEIM TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
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*An accredited law enforcement agency serving Manheim Township,  
East Petersburg Borough, and Lancaster Township*



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**Departmental Awards**

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On October 28, 2013, Chief Neil J. Harkins presented the 2012 departmental awards at the Manheim Township Commissioner's Meeting.

**Distinguished Service Award** – The Distinguished Service Award is conferred for an outstanding individual act or achievement. The award was presented to Officer Michael Kuntz, Officer Lee Billiter, and Civilian Aide Christian Brubaker.

In June 2012, Officer Kuntz stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation and Officer Billiter responded to assist. During the stop, the officers located 1200 bags of heroin in the vehicle, with a street value of \$12,000. The interdiction of these drugs resulted in less drugs being on the street and the disruption of a major supplier of heroin to Lancaster County.

Also in June 2012, Civilian Aide Christian Brubaker was on park patrol duty in Overlook Park when he heard the broadcast of an armed robbery at a nearby store. The broadcast included a description of the suspect. CA Brubaker began checking the park for suspicious activity, and obtained the registration of a vehicle being operated by a person matching the description of the robbery suspect. This information was a critical piece of evidence that resulted in a dangerous suspect being taken into custody.

**Humanitarian Award** – The Humanitarian Award is given to an individual for a significant act or charity, and which aids either those less fortunate or those in need. The award was presented to Sergeant John Donnelly, Sergeant Timothy Ponessa, and Officer John Donnelly. These officers volunteer with the Lancaster County Veterans Court as mentors for veterans who break the law.

**Life Saving Award** – The Lifesaving Award is given to an individual whose actions are directly connected to the saving of another person's life. The award was present to Officer Daniel Swigart, Officer Jesse Crnkovic, Officer Christopher Keenan, and Officer Bradley Redinger.

In December 2012, Officer Swigart responded to a call of a person who was unconscious and not breathing. Upon arrival, he attached an AED and performed CPR. The patient survived as a result of his actions.

In August 2012, Officer Cnrkovic responded to a call of a person who was unconscious and not breathing. Upon arrival, he performed CPR until the arrival of EMS personnel. The patient survived as a result of his actions.

In July 2012, Officers Keenan and Redinger responded to a call of a cardiac arrest. The officers attached the AED and performed CPR. The patient survived as a result of their actions.

**Commissioners Firearms Proficiency Award** – This Commissioners Firearms Proficiency Award is conferred upon the officer who had the highest total score in 2012 pistol qualifications. Officer Cody Lewis was the recipient of this award.

**Civilian of the Year Award** – This award is given to the civilian employee selected by the command and supervisory staff as the best representative of the police department and its civilian personnel. Sharon Dukeman was the recipient of this award.

**Officer of the Year Award** – This award is given the sworn officer selected by the command and supervisory staff as the best representative of the police department and its civilian personnel. Officer Bradley Redinger was the recipient of this award.

Officer Redinger was hired in 2010. He is a patrol officer and is assigned to Lancaster Township. He was awarded the 2012 Top Gun Award from the DUI Council of Lancaster County after making 19 arrests of drunk drivers. It should also be noted that to date this year, he has arrested 30 drunk drivers. He has assisted the department with implementing his own computer program that was adopted by the department, saving time and reducing the redundancy of paperwork.

**Youth Aid Panel Commendations** – The goals of the Youth Aid Panel are to prevent youth from becoming more deeply involved in delinquent acts and poor decision-making, and to hold youth responsible for their actions through specific good services to the victim and/or the community. Panel members are volunteers from the community, who receive training in the process of working with youth. Six members of the Youth Aid Panel were honored for twenty years of service. They are: Shirley Lemon, Manheim Township; Richard Trout, Manheim Township; Hope Ross, Manheim Township; Jon Singer, Manheim Township; Robert Wimer, Manheim Township; and Robert Devosa, East Petersburg.

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