



RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

NAME OF EMPLOYEE RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD:	EMPLOYEE NUMBER:	ASSIGNMENT:
Officer Blayne Lehner	4073	Pct. 5 Dogwatch
RECOMMENDED BY:	DATE RECOMMENDED:	CASE CONTROL NUMBER:
Sgt. Kurt Radke	09/09/2013	13-295106

13.43 - Personnel Data

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Respectfully Submitted,
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Filed By cm
Date 11-7-13

FROM: Minneapolis Police Department Awards Committee
RE: Recommendation for Departmental Awards

The MPD Awards Committee met on October 16, 2013 and reviewed the attached recommendation for an award. It is our findings that this recommendation for the award of:

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The Committee recommends that the Award of Merit be given to the listed nominee: Officer Blayne Lehner.

Respectfully submitted: Deputy Chief Travis Glampe, MPD Awards Committee Chair.



**** This Award was sent to your Commander for presentation. A copy has been sent to Personnel for your file.**

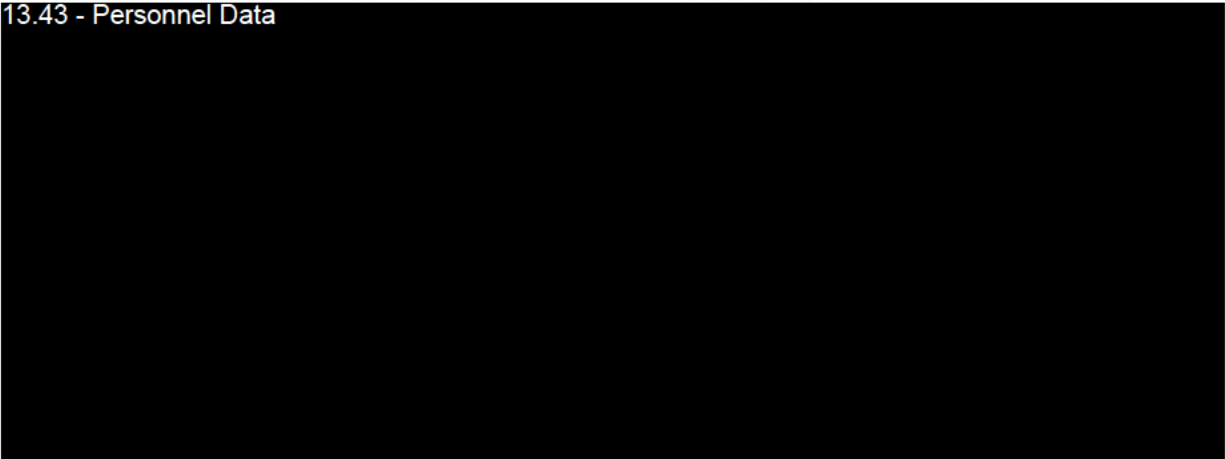
MPD Award Number: 13-115

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13-295106

Officer Lehner was assisting on a suspicious vehicle stop in the Kmart parking lot. Officers had the vehicle stopped and could detect an overwhelming odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Occupants of the vehicle were being removed to search the car. Officer Lehner observed one of the occupants with his leg hanging out of the door as if he may flee. Officers eventually removed the occupant and he began to actively resist Officers. Officer Lehner approached to place him in a neck restraint. As he did this, other Officers on scene noticed that the suspect had a gun on him. With utter disregard to his safety Officer Lehner placed the male in a choke hold as this was now a life or death matter. Officer Lehner utilized his defensive tactics and ground fighting training to keep the party subdued until other Officers could disarm him and eventually get him into handcuffs. Officer Lehner was written up for his courageous act and was given the Department Award of Merit.

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Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of the Dogwatch Supervisors,

Sgt. Kurt Radke

COMMANDING OFFICER: <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE: 9-19-13	REMARKS:
MPD AWARDS COMMITTEE (ROOM 150 CITY HALL): <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE: 10/16/13	REMARKS:
COMMANDER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS: <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE:	EXISTING COMPLAINTS: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
BUREAU HEAD:	DATE:	REMARKS:
CHIEF OF POLICE:	DATE:	REMARKS:
AWARD NUMBER: 13-115	RECOMMENDATION: Dept Award of Merit	DATE: 10/16/13
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CRITERIA FOR AWARDS

Medal of Honor: The Medal of Honor may be awarded to a member of the department for an act of outstanding bravery or heroism. Such an act would be characterized by demonstrated unselfishness, courage, the immediate high risk of death or serious physical injury. The award may also be posthumously given to a member who has died while involved in action of demonstrated heroism.

Medal of Valor: The Medal of Valor may be awarded to a member of the department for an act of bravery which demonstrated obvious self sacrifice in the face of death or serious physical injury.

Life Saving Award: The Life Saving Award may be awarded to any MPD employee for acts that contribute to the effort and attempt of saving of a person's life.

Medal of Commendation: Medal of Commendation may be awarded to a member of the department for an outstanding police act which brings credit to the department, and is highly recognized by other officers or citizens. This act is characterized by obvious self sacrifice while in the face of personal danger.



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August 26, 2013

Officer the Month
July 2013

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Congratulations! You have been chosen as Officer of the Month in June 2014. Your exceptional work is appreciated and documented.

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Sincerely,

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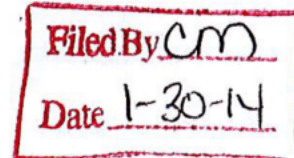
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Officer of the Month Nomination

July 2013

Officer Blayne Lehner

The Dogwatch Supervisors respectfully nominate Officer Blayne Lehner for July 5th Precinct Officer of the Month. Officer Lehner is one of the silent leaders on the shift. Officer Lehners attitude toward policing is exemplary. He is looked at as a shift leader by the younger Officers on the shift and produces great numbers every month.

In July alone, Officer Lehner answered 141 calls for service, had 16 arrests and made 54 stops.

Specifically, Officer Lehner made 3 outstanding arrests this month that took several "bad guys" off the street.

13-224347

Officer Lehner and his partner Officer Wuorinen caught a career burglar red handed coming out of a window of an apartment. Officers arrested Calvin James Jennings Jr. DOB 08/12/1976. Jennings had been previously convicted of burglary. Jennings was caught with the victims purse in his hand.

13-236952

Officer Lehner and his partner Officer Staufenberg were called to a male sleeping on the porch of the address. Utilizing great Officer observation skills, Officers were able to determine the suspect had entered the residence and stolen a knife. Zachary William Sanders DOB 01/12/1993 was booked and charged with 1st Degree Burglary.

13-245375

Officers were called to a PERGUN at 2640 2nd Ave S. Officer Lehner encountered the suspects and held them at gunpoint until backup arrived. Officer Lehner recovered a Remington 870 shotgun in the trunk of the suspects vehicle. 3 suspected Somali Gang Members were arrested. Ahmed Ali Omar DOB 02/02/1992, Abdirahaman Abdulkadir Ali DOB 08/31/1993 and Abdirahim Ahmed Hassan DOB 03/17/1992 were the arrestees. Officer Lehner did an outstanding job in the face of danger by holding the suspects at bay until they could be taken into custody.

Based on the following examples and the overall job performance of Officer Lehner, the Dogwatch Supervisors overwhelmingly nominate him for Officer of the Month and believe it is well deserved.

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RECOMMENDED BY: Officer Misgen	DATE RECOMMENDED: 03/08/2013	CASE CONTROL NUMBER: 13-068731

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TYPE COMMENTS HERE: On 3-08-13 I was working with Officer Lehner and we were on routine patrol in the area of Pillsbury and 28th. Officer Lehner was driving and observed a male standing on the corner looking at the ground. I could not see what was going on but Officer Lehner stopped to investigate. On the other side of a snow bank was a male in a t-shirt and pants laying in a puddle of water and snow. This is what the male on the corner was staring at. The male was in extreme distress as he was completely soaked, there was freezing rain and the temp was dropping and the wind was picking up. Officer Lehner recognizing that the male was so hypothermic that he had stopped shaking directed me to call for EMS and Fire Code 3. Officer Lehner then assisted the male to our squad and had him lay on the hood of our squad to try and get the engine heat to assist with warming. The male who was 20 or so years of age, was so intoxicated that trying to get him in to our squad would have been very difficult. Officer Lehner then used the department issued blanket and his own body heat to try and warm the victim. EMS arrived and had to place the male in a full body heating pad to try and warm the male. It was clear from the paramedics that without Officers Lehner's quick thinking and actions the victim would have expired. I find that Officer Lehner's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Minneapolis Police and is deserving of the Life Saving Award.

OK - Sgt Kurt Radke 3/11/13

COMMANDING OFFICER: <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE: 3/11/13	REMARKS: <i>Highly Recommended!</i>
MPD AWARDS COMMITTEE (ROOM 330 CITY HALL): <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE: 3/25/13	REMARKS:
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AWARD NUMBER: 13-28	RECOMMENDATION: <i>Letter to file</i>	DATE: 3/25/13
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