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Officer Walsh receives Casey Elliott Memorial “City’s Finest” Award

Xenia, Ohio (**October 3, 2017**) – The Xenia Police Division (XPD) recently held its 26th Annual Police Awards Ceremony at the Xenia Police Training Center. Among those honored and receiving the department’s highest honor was Officer Patrick Walsh who received the Casey Elliott Memorial “City’s Finest” Award.

The Casey Elliott “City’s Finest” Award was named after C.K. Elliott, who joined the Xenia Police Division as a patrol officer in 1943. He ultimately rose to the position of Police Captain and then Acting Police Chief. Two days upon retiring, he went on to serve as bailiff in Municipal Court. His career serving the citizens of Xenia totaled 35 years and the Ohio Senate passed a resolution for him calling him a “truly outstanding Ohioan.” The Casey Elliott Memorial “City’s Finest” Award was set up by the Elliott family in recognition of police officers who distinguish themselves through an outstanding accomplishment, bravery or humanitarian service in police work.

Officer Walsh, a 19-year veteran, was recognized for an event earlier this year when he responded to an injury crash. Upon arrival, Officer Walsh found an unconscious passenger in the wrecked vehicle. As he assessed the scene, he realized the vehicle had caught fire. He quickly removed the unconscious subject from the vehicle and moved him to safety. He then assisted Xenia Fire Division by providing them with Narcan to be used on the subject. Officer Walsh was also awarded the Meritorious Award for his life saving actions. “We are honored to present this award to Officer Pat Walsh. Officer Walsh exemplifies the dedication and selflessness that we expect from the officers of the Xenia Police Division”, stated Xenia Police Chief Randy Person.

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In other police recognition activities, the Communications Operator of the Year Award was presented to Jillian Pollock for her role and extraordinary contributions in the field of Public Safety Communications.

Leadership Awards were presented to Detective Marc Margioras, Sergeant Jeff Osburn and Sergeant Scott Beegle for their continued outstanding leadership within the organization.

The Silver Shield Commendation was presented to Officer David Elliott for the highest level of overall patrol operations within the patrol section.

The Community Policing award was presented to Officer Rudy Jones for his continued involvement in maintaining close ties between the police and the members of the community.

The Meritorious Service Awards was presented to Officer David Elliott, Officer Chad Shelley, Officer Tony Vitale, Officer Ryan Linnell, Officer Rob Swihart, and Sergeant Scott Beegle for an act which involved saving a life.

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