

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - 2024 OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

February 18, 2025

Dear Officer Gelbaugh:

During the past 12 months, you were assigned 783 general incidents and you investigated 48 traffic accidents. In addition, you filed 24 felony/misdemeanor charges as well as 37 summary criminal violations. You issued 511 traffic citations and stopped another 265 motorists for various offenses. You drove 12,568 miles in all types of weather accident free. Clearly, you kept yourself busy in 2024.

Your productivity is outstanding given the fact that you spent time in 2024 acting as a Field Training Officer for our new officers. The duties of a Field Training Officer are vital to the future of this agency.

Your platoon supervisors have recognized you as a very important part of the police department that does not hold a title or rank, this designation is that of an "informal leader." You set an excellent example for younger officers to follow and give them guidance when needed. You are known to handle your calls efficiently and accurately. You are more than willing to pick up calls from other officers when the call load is high. Any Sergeant in this agency would welcome you to their platoon.

This Department and Chief are very fortunate to have an officer of your caliber within its ranks. We are reminded that no person is ever forced to choose law enforcement as a profession. But, having made that choice, he is obligated to perform his duties and live up to its standards. You have met and surpassed this requirement.

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, and with great personal and professional satisfaction, I congratulate and commend you as the 2024 Officer of the Year!

cc: Board of Commissioners  
Personnel file