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DAO PRESENTS AWARDS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRST RESPONDERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

The Chester County District Attorney's Office held its annual Awards Ceremony to recognize and honor law enforcement, first responders, and community leaders for their extraordinary efforts to make Chester County a better and safer place.

District Attorney Deb Ryan said, "In our respective roles, it is the duty of each of us to serve and protect our communities. For most of us, this is a calling. We understand the critical importance of helping those in need, regardless of threat, danger, or obstacle, because it is our job to make this world a better place.

"Many of the award recipients repeatedly demonstrated heroic efforts by saving children from horrific abuse, tracking down and capturing killers, removing poison and deadly weapons from our streets, or going into burning buildings to save the lives of hundreds of people.

"Some were part of the crucial effort to keep all of us safe from a deadly pandemic because, as essential workers, we never stopped our service to the community

"Others fought the good fight for justice in the courtroom while helping victims navigate an often complicated and traumatizing process.

"And some sought out ways to improve law enforcement's relationships with communities of color and affect positive change to criminal justice reform in response to national tragedies.

"Even though our professions are highly scrutinized and sometimes vilified, I am reminded every day that what we do matters. Each award recipient consistently contributes to making

this county a better place, facing down danger, working long hours, and selflessly serving those around them despite all the challenges.”

The awards presented included:

- Prosecutor of the Year – Deputy District Attorney Erin O’Brien
- Detective of the Year – Chester County Detective Gary Lynch
- Law Enforcement Officer of the Year – Pennsylvania State Police Corporal Stefano Gallina
- Administrative Professional of the Year – Office Manager Cheryl Greener
- Commendation – NORCO Fire Company, Office of the Fire Marshal, North Coventry Police Department, and Pastor Josh Park for their heroic and courageous service to the citizens of Chester County on July 30, 2020, at the Ashwood Apartments fire in North Coventry Township
- Commendation – Phoenixville Borough Police Department for their exemplary efforts and teamwork in providing justice to the family of a murdered teenager.
- Commendation – Chester County Department of Emergency Services for their outstanding and continuous efforts in supporting law enforcement and first responders during the global Covid-19 pandemic.
- Commendation – Edward McFadden for his outstanding dedication, commitment, and service as the Warden of Chester County Prison for 15 years.
- Commendation – Chris Saello of the United Way and DeVon Jackson for their extraordinary efforts in improving relationships between law enforcement and our communities in Chester County.

Approved for release by Deborah Ryan, District Attorney