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Troy Police Memorial Day Ceremony and Department Honors

During the week of May 11 through May 16, the Troy Police Department, along with the rest of the nation, will celebrate Police Week. The Department will pay tribute to officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty as well as honor those who currently serve. Events of the week include a Police Memorial Day Ceremony on May 12.

The Police Memorial Day ceremony will take place on Tuesday, May 12 at 10 AM in front of the Troy Police Department, 500 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Anyone who would like to show support to fallen officers, as well as those currently serving, is welcome to attend.

A private awards ceremony will also be held during the week to honor outstanding achievements by members of the Troy Police Department. Honored this year as Officer of the Year is Officer Aaron Cooper. The Command Officer of the Year is Sergeant Brian Warzecha and the Non-Sworn Employee of the Year is Dispatcher Kelly Lane.

During this week, the officers of the Troy Police Department will take extra time to remember the four Troy officers that have died in the line of duty.

On December 11, 1969, Officer Charles Smetana was killed in a car crash while driving to help citizens involved in an injury accident.

On April 22, 1974, Officer Martin Chivas was shot and killed by burglars while investigating a burglary in progress.

On September 11, 2001, Officer Charles Mulvihill died when he suffered apparent heart failure while responding to a call for service.

On August 12, 2017, Officer William McCabe died as a result of complications related to an on-duty crash where he was struck by a motorist while riding a Police motorcycle on October 3, 2002.

We will also honor those that we lost while on duty serving our community, Officer Charles T. Mulvihill and Communications Supervisor Curtis J. Reynolds Jr.

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Troy Police Honor 2025 Officer of the Year Aaron Cooper

The Troy Police Department is proud to announce that Officer Aaron Cooper has been selected as the department's 2025 Police Officer of the Year.

Officer Cooper joined the Troy Police Department in 2013 as a Police Service Aide before attending the police academy and being promoted to Police Officer in 2016. He also proudly served in the United States Army.

Throughout his career, Officer Cooper has served in a variety of assignments, including Patrol, Criminal Investigations, the Directed Patrol Unit, and as a member of the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team. His broad experience, strong investigative skills, and dedication to proactive policing have earned him the respect of both his peers and supervisors.

Officer Cooper is recognized not only for his investigative abilities, but also for his professionalism, patience, and willingness to mentor and support fellow officers. Colleagues routinely seek his guidance, and he consistently demonstrates an exceptional work ethic, leadership, and commitment to excellence in every assignment he undertakes.

In addition to his law enforcement responsibilities, Officer Cooper remains deeply committed to community engagement and service. He regularly volunteers for department programs and events, including Shop with a Cop, and continually represents the Troy Police Department with integrity, compassion, and professionalism.

The Troy Police Department congratulates Officer Aaron Cooper on this well-deserved recognition and thanks him for his continued dedication to the department and the community he proudly serves.

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Troy Police Honor 2025 Command Officer of the Year Brian Warzecha

The Troy Police Department is proud to announce that Sergeant Brian Warzecha has been selected as the department's 2025 Command Officer of the Year.

Sergeant Warzecha began his career with the Troy Police Department in 2000 and was promoted to Sergeant in 2021. Throughout his career, he has served in Road Patrol and currently leads the Traffic Safety Unit.

Sergeant Warzecha's knowledge of police work, expertise in traffic safety, and unwavering dedication are evident in his daily actions and leadership. In his current role, he helps oversee the department's traffic safety initiatives, ensures patrol vehicles are equipped with the latest radar technology, attends monthly Traffic Committee meetings to address safety concerns throughout the city, and plays a vital leadership role in SOCCIT (South Oakland County Crash Investigation Team) by coordinating training and ensuring equipment readiness.

In addition, Sergeant Warzecha is an active member of the department's drone team. His professionalism, leadership and commitment to public safety have earned him the respect of his peers and the community alike.

The Troy Police Department congratulates Sergeant Warzecha on this well-deserved recognition and thanks him for his continued dedication and service to the City of Troy.

This marks the second time Sergeant Warzecha has received a major departmental honor, having previously been named the department's 2015 Police Officer of the Year.



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Troy Police Honor 2025 Non-Sworn Employee of the Year Kelly Lane

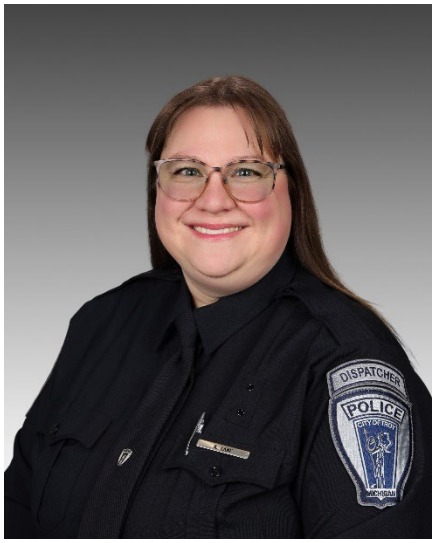
The Troy Police Department is proud to announce that Dispatcher Kelly Lane has been selected as the department's 2025 Non-Sworn Employee of the Year.

Dispatcher Lane joined the Troy Police Department in 2017, and has consistently demonstrated professionalism, compassion, and dedication in her role serving both the community and her fellow first responders.

As one of the first points of contact between the public and emergency services, dispatchers are required to remain calm, precise, and efficient during high-pressure situations. Dispatcher Lane exemplifies these qualities each time she is on duty. Her ability to handle calls with composure, accuracy, and urgency has distinguished her among her peers and made her a trusted mentor for new dispatchers.

Dispatcher Lane is also recognized for her leadership and commitment to teamwork. She fosters a positive and professional work environment and is always willing to step up when needed to help ensure the continued delivery of effective public safety services to the community.

The Troy Police Department congratulates Dispatcher Kelly Lane on this well-deserved recognition and thanks her for her continued dedication and service to the City of Troy.



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