

First Responders Hero Award 2021

Recipient; Officer Andrew Lawler, Rock Island Police Department

Sergeant Kristopher Kuhlman from Rock Island Police Department received the award on his behalf

Nomination Note: *"I would like to nominate Officer Andrew Lawler of the Rock Island police department. A few years ago my cousin had a mild seizure and officer Lawler was the first person to respond. I like to think his heroic actions saved my cousins' life that day, which has allowed me to continue seeing him grow up today."*

Bio:

Ofc. Lawler has been employed with the Rock Island Police Department for 10 yrs. He has held the position of K-9 Officer, a member of the Tactical Operations Division, and Emergency Response Team member. He recently received the distinction of the Knights of Columbus Officer of the Year. The community should recognize the good work that this officer has done within this last year, what accomplishments he has made as an individual officer out there keeping his community safe April 1, 2021. A suspect ran from the officers when they tried to arrest him on an outstanding warrant. He hijacked a car from a woman at a gas station and backed into the building, dragging two officers on the doors of the car

Certificate of Appreciation

Firefighter Michael Collins, Muscatine Fire Department

Nomination Note: *I would like to nominate Muscatine Firefighter Michael Collins for his life-saving rescue efforts on April 8th, 2021. Collins pulled a woman from a fire-engulfed building and brought her to safety, which directly resulted in her life being saved.*

Certificate of Appreciation

Officer Chris Beaupre, Galesburg Police Department

Nomination Note: *Galesburg Police Officer Chris Beaupre. On Sunday, Officer Beaupre was on a routine patrol when he found a red Ford Fusion stuck on the train tracks west of Academy Street and Ferris Street. He immediately called for trains on the track to stop. The driver, who was still in the vehicle and showed signs of alcohol impairment, told Officer Beaupre that he had missed a turn and got stuck on the tracks. As Officer Beaupre was talking to the driver, the railroad gate lights came on as a train approached. Due to the earlier request by Officer Beaupre, the train was able to stop before hitting the vehicle. The quick actions of Officer Beaupre saved the life of the driver.*

Certificate of Appreciation

Lieutenant Gregory Behning, Davenport Police Department:

Nomination Note: *Davenport Lieutenant Gregory Behning for displayed acts of valor in the line of duty, trying to protect his fellow officers during riots on May 31, 2020. Behning was part of three officers who were ambushed and shot at while patrolling the streets during rioting on May 31. The other two officers were awarded as well. It takes a special kind of person to lay their life on the line for others.*