



# Oak Brook Police Department

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## **Oak Brook Police Announce Officer and Civilian Employee of the Year**

**OAK BROOK, IL** – January 17, 2018

The Oak Brook Police Department is pleased to announce the Officer of the Year for 2017 is Officer Alyson Kern. Officer Kern has been a member of the Oak Brook Police Department since October of 2014. She has been assigned to the Patrol Division during her career. Officer Kern serves as a Crash Reconstruction Officer with the Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT) Major Crash Reconstruction Team. She also is a member of the Department Honor Guard and has attended nearly every event, proudly representing the Department. Officer Kern also serves on the Recruiting Team and had the highest number of crime prevention contacts and the second highest amount of traffic contacts and custodial arrests in the Division for 2017. She has given back to the community by volunteering for the Blue 5-K and Blue Bayou Luncheon for Concerns of Police Survivors as well as the annual Torch Run for Special Olympics Golf Outing. Officer Kern also served as a Sergeant in the Army National Guard for the 933<sup>rd</sup> Military Police Unit.

The Civilian Employee of the Year for 2017 is Lead Records Clerk Gertrude (Kassy) Polivka. Mrs. Polivka has been a member of the Department since May of 1990. Kassy started as a part time records clerk. She later was promoted to full time July of 1994 and then Lead Records Clerk in 2013. Kassy is a key employee in the Support Services Division and serves as the only full time Record Clerk in the Department, mentoring part time records clerks. She has been an integral part of the coming transition to the new DuPage County DuJIS law enforcement records management system, has developed procedures in the Records Section and has a tremendous knack for paying attention to detail. She has assisted with the implantation of numerous other software systems over her career. She was also an important factor in the success of transitioning from an in house communication center to a consolidated center as the Department moved some of the duties previously handled by other full time staff.

This is the Oak Brook Police Department's Second Annual Officer of the Year and Civilian Employee of the Year awards. Nominations were submitted by fellow employees to the Department Awards and Commendation Committee who then brought forward a

recommendation to the Chief of Police for final approval. Both employees will be recognized at an upcoming Village Board meeting.



Officer Alyson Kern



Kassy Polivka  
Lead Records Clerk

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