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Oak Brook Police Announce Officer and Civilian Employee of the Year

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The Oak Brook Police Department is pleased to announce the Officer of the Year for 2018 is Detective Mark Kozlowski. Detective Kozlowski has been a member of the Oak Brook Police Department since January of 1998. He has been assigned to the Investigations Division since 2014. Detective Kozlowski serves as a Certified Computer Forensics Investigator with the Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT). He also is a member of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) Bicycle Response Team (BRT), as a charter member of the team. Detective Kozlowski has previously served as a crime prevention officer and instructs in the department's Citizen Police Academy. During 2018, Detective Kozlowski has been instrumental in his role as an evidence technician, processing numerous vehicles used in the commission of a crime included those involved in the Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking at Oakbrook Center last year. Detective Kozlowski also received the highest proficiency rating in the Investigations Division last year. Mark has also previously served as a field training officer and volunteers at several of the department's community activities. The comments from his supervisor include, "Mark is always professional and respected among his peers."

The Civilian Employee of the Year for 2018 is Community Service Officer Terry Hill. CSO Hill has been a member of the Department since March of 2017. CSO Hill has made tremendous efforts in 2018 to bring awareness and enforce handicapped parking laws in Oak Brook. He has singlehandedly cited 248 vehicles for either illegally parking in a handicapped parking stall or improper use of a placard. His tenacity towards handicapped parking enforcement has been highlighted nationally in the media. Besides CSO Hill's attention to duty, he has also volunteered to assist with the construction of training aids for the department, utilizing his skills in his previous career as a contractor. CSO Hill has also volunteered to assist the department's Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

This is the Oak Brook Police Department's Third Annual Officer of the Year and Civilian Employee of the Year awards. Nominations were submitted by fellow employees to the Department Employee of the Year 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.



Detective Mark Kozlowski



CSO Terry Hill

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