

## **PRESS/MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Pembroke Police Department Presents Yearly Awards**

**Pembroke, NH**

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The Pembroke Police Department presented its 2009 Department Awards at a brunch held at the Red Blazer in Concord yesterday morning. The event was hosted by the Pembroke Police Association.

Annette Alley was honored as the department's Employee of the Year. Mrs. Alley is the department receptionist and has been with the agency since 1997. In the past year she took on added responsibilities due to some staffing shortages. "She is a steady employee who seems to understand we get paid to work hard", said Chief Scott Lane who presented Alley with a desk clock in honor of her accomplishments.

Detective Sergeant Dawn Shea was honored with a plaque for winning the "*Chief Wayne A. Cheney Excellence in Physical Fitness Award*." The award is presented yearly to the Officer who excels in the area of physical fitness during the department yearly physical fitness testing program.

Officer Karl Hanson was presented with a plaque for winning the 2009 Motor Vehicle Enforcement Award. Officer Hanson was the department's highest producer in the area of motor vehicle enforcement in 2009. Sometimes seen as mundane and routine, motor vehicle enforcement is an important part of a police officer's job. "Officer Hanson has demonstrated his drive and self-motivation in excelling in this area over this past year." said Chief Scott Lane.

Other Officers honored with Letters of Commendation included:

- Lt. Dwayne Gilman for his handling of a feared street gang fight that was to take place during the annual Pembroke/Allentown Old Home Day Celebration in August.
- Det. Sgt. Dawn Shea for her recovery of evidence from a suspect who had swallowed 3 bags of heroin.
- Off. Angela Bergeron for a traffic stop that lead to the arrest of a suspected drug dealer and the seizure of a significant quantity of drugs.
- Off. Ian Nickerson for his response to a burglary in progress in which the suspect was armed with a knife and the home owner with an ax.

He successfully defused the situation with no injuries occurring. He solved three burglaries as a result of his investigation.

- Lt. Dwayne Gilman, Sgt. Gary Gaskell, Det. Sgt. Dawn Shea, and Off. Chris Cunha for their handling of a child abuse case in which a 2 year old received 2<sup>nd</sup> degree injuries.
- Sgt. Gaskell, Off. Nickerson and Off. Bergeron, for their response to a burglar alarm at Lavallee's Store on Glass Street and the apprehension of a suspect seen fleeing the scene on foot.
- A department commendation was awarded to Lt. Gilman, Sgt. Gaskell, Sgt. Crockwell, Det. Sgt. Shea, Off. Nickerson, Off. Allen, and Off. Hanson for their participation in the investigation, arrest, and successful prosecution of a suspect in an armed robbery that took place in February.

Chief Lane expressed his gratitude and appreciation for everyone's hard work throughout the year.

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