



Royal Oak
POLICE DEPT

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Police Department 2024 Annual Awards

April 28, 2025

The Honorable Mayor Fournier and
Members of the City Commission:

Attached are the Royal Oak Police Department's 2024 annual awards. The Royal Oak Police Department is comprised of the most outstanding men and women in law enforcement. The great work they do every single day is demonstrated by the individual efforts as described in the awards. Collectively, this group embodies our core values and helps achieve the mission of keeping Royal Oak safe.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Moore
Police Chief

Approved,

Joseph Gacioch
City Manager

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Royal Oak Police Department

Officer of the Year

awarded to

Blaine Goertler

Nearing four-and one-half years of service with the Royal Oak Police Department, Officer Blaine Goertler has consistently demonstrated a strong and selfless work ethic in his service to the Royal Oak community. Constantly displaying the Royal Oak Police Department's Core Values of Loyalty, Integrity, Compassion, Courage, and Service, Officer Goertler is a reliable and steadfast member of the patrol division, continually displaying high levels of performance in all areas of patrol operations. Officer Goertler is a multi-dimensional officer who also serves as a mentor and informal leader to younger patrol officers within the department. In addition to his patrol officer responsibilities, Officer Goertler is eager to take on additional duties to assist the needs of the department and also serves as a Field Training Officer, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Honor Guard member, and Motor officer. Officer Goertler's dedication to professionalism in the performance of his duties and his commitment to excellence serve as an example for others to follow. Congratulations on a job well done.



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Chief Michael Moore

April 28, 2025



Royal Oak Police Department

Civilian Employee of the Year

awarded to

Laney Setty

After her previous career as a sworn law enforcement officer, Mrs. Laney Setty joined the Royal Oak Police Department as a desk attendant before filling the role of ROPD records clerk in 2024. In that short time, Mrs. Setty made an immediate, meaningful, and inspirational impact on the success of the ROPD records bureau team, displaying an unparalleled tenacity to master new tasks, improve efficiency, and become an informal leader to her coworkers. Mrs. Setty's personality is infectious and makes a substantial positive impact on the morale and performance of her entire bureau. Mrs. Setty exemplifies dedication, reliability, and efficiency in providing an indispensable service to the Royal Oak Police Department and the City of Royal Oak. Congratulations on a job well done.



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Royal Oak Police Department

Lifesaving Award

*Sean Staniszewski
Kyle Adair*

awarded to

*Gerald Karr
Brooke Williams*

On April 22, 2024, 911 Dispatcher Brooke Williams received a 911 call from a subject suffering from a severe mental health crisis and threatening to jump from a parking structure. With Officer Sean Staniszewski, Officer Kyle Adair, and Officer Gerald Karr responding to the scene, Dispatcher Williams continued to talk to the suicidal subject over the phone. Dispatcher Williams' calmness and empathy struck a chord with the subject and bought precious time until the arrival of the officers. Upon arriving on the scene, Officer Staniszewski, Officer Adair, and Officer Karr continued the progress established by Dispatcher Williams and were able to close the distance as they continued the conversation. Upon closing the distance, Officer Staniszewski, Officer Adair, and Officer Karr grabbed the subject off the wall and took him into protective custody. As a result of their team effort, a young man's life was saved. The quick actions displayed by 911 Dispatcher Williams, Officer Staniszewski, Officer Adair, and Officer Karr, are in keeping with the Core Values of the Royal Oak Police Department.



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Royal Oak Police Department

Lifesaving Award

awarded to

Joseph Petrone

On September 7, 2024, Officer Petrone was dispatched to a suicidal juvenile standing on the ledge of the 11 Mile Road overpass to I-75. Officer Petrone immediately initiated a conversation with the juvenile and set a compassionate and empathetic tone which helped calm her. This calmness and compassion had such an impact that the juvenile began crying and eventually stepped off the overpass ledge to hug Officer Petrone. The compassion displayed by Officer Petrone is in keeping with the Core Values of the Royal Oak Police Department.



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Royal Oak Police Department

Lifesaving Award

awarded to

John Love

Kyle Knauss

On August 27, 2024, Officer John Love and Officer Kyle Knauss responded to the report of an unconscious woman inside a vehicle. Upon their arrival, it was clear to both Officer Love and Officer Knauss that the situation appeared dire, and they immediately began chest compressions on the unresponsive woman. Working as a team, these compressions helped the woman regain consciousness before the arrival of ROFD. With the subject now stabilized, she was transported to the hospital for follow-on medical care. The professionalism displayed by Officer Love and Officer Knauss saved a life and is in keeping with the Core Values of the Royal Oak Police Department.



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Lifesaving Award

awarded to

Jimmy Elrod Joseph Lovasz Liam Sarris

On August 21, 2024, Sergeant Jimmy Elrod, Officer Joseph Lovasz, and Officer Liam Sarris responded to the 800 block of Knowles Street on the report of a male not breathing. Upon arrival, they located a male in bed without a pulse and immediately initiated chest compressions. Continuing to work as a team, Officers placed the AED into service and delivered one shock. As a result of their efforts, the male regained a pulse and was transported to the hospital by ROFD. It was later determined that the male had suffered a heart attack and due to their efforts and the follow-on care he received, the male was in stable condition. The lifesaving efforts displayed by Sergeant Elrod, Officer Lovasz, and Officer Sarris are in keeping with the Core Values of the Royal Oak Police Department.



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Lifesaving Award

awarded to

Joseph Ivy

On March 13, 2024, 911 Dispatcher Joseph Ivy received a 911 call from a subject suffering from a severe mental health crisis and threatening to commit suicide. With patrol officers responding to the scene, Dispatcher Ivy continued to talk to the suicidal subject over the phone. Dispatcher Ivy's calmness and empathy were effective in keeping the woman in conversation while officers stood outside the residence. After a nearly 21-minute phone call, Dispatcher Ivy's efforts convinced the suicidal subject to exit the residence and enter protective custody. 911 Dispatcher Ivy's actions allowed for a safe and successful conclusion and are in keeping with the Core Values of the Royal Oak Police Department.



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Chief Michael Moore

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Meritorious Service Award

awarded to

Brooke Williams

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Meritorious Service Award

awarded to

*Michael Paramo
Renee Hertz
Liam Sarris*

*Natalia Satterfield
Patrick Sroufe
Joseph Petrone*

*Jacob Gostiaux
Vincent Chandler
Zachary Bunting*

On July 28, 2024, Royal Oak Police Officers responded to S/B I-75 at Fourth Street on the report of a head-on injury accident. Upon arrival, officers immediately located two vehicles with catastrophic damage, with one vehicle fully engulfed in flames and the other occupied by four unconscious passengers. Working as a team, officers removed the four unresponsive passengers and immediately began lifesaving measures, including chest compressions and the application of the AED. With ROFD arriving on scene a short time later, Royal Oak police officers provided ambulance escort to Corewell Royal Oak, allowing one of the passengers to receive timely follow-on medical care. While the situation was tragic, the teamwork, steadfast professionalism, and compassion displayed by these ROPD personnel epitomized the Core Values of the Royal Oak Police Department.



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Royal Oak Police Department

Meritorious Service Award

awarded to

Andrew Rougeau

In September of 2023, Detective Andrew Rougeau was assigned a UDAA case which spawned into a complex investigation involving multiple stolen vehicles in and around the City of Royal Oak. Undeterred by the sheer size of the investigation, Detective Rougeau authored over a dozen search warrants and eventually submitted a 140-page warrant request including occurrences of vehicle thefts, larcenies from automobiles, and credit card fraud. As a result of his hard work, the suspect was charged by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office in early 2024 with nine felonies. The consistent professionalism and tenacity displayed by Detective Rougeau throughout this investigation are in keeping with the Core Values of the Royal Oak Police Department.



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Chief Michael Moore

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Royal Oak Police Department

Unit Citation

awarded to

*Ryan Spangler
Jessica Reece
Antonio Lipscomb*

*Andre Stienke
Jacob Gostiaux*

In early 2024, Officer Jessica Reece identified a key community policing need and approached the administration about her desire to organize and host our first-ever ROPD Youth Police Academy. After countless personal hours of research, planning, and organizing, she teamed with Sergeant Spangler, Officer Lipscomb, Officer Stienke, and Officer Gostiaux to make the youth police academy a reality. In July 2024, this team hosted 30 young men and women from the Royal Oak community and over five days, made a monumental positive impact on the students, their families, and the Royal Oak community as a whole. Despite the challenges that come with getting a new program off the ground, their hard work resulted in a well-planned, and well-executed community policing event that will have a lasting impression. The efforts of Sergeant Spangler, Officer Reece, Officer Lipscomb, Officer Stienke, and Officer Gostiaux exemplified the Core Values of the Royal Oak Police Department.



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Chief Michael Moore

April 28, 2025



Royal Oak Police Department

Unit Citation

awarded to

Dominick Catanese Jimmy Elrod Catherine Koehn

In fall 2024, the Royal Oak Police Department hosted its annual Citizen's Police Academy, an annual seven-week course that connects members of the Royal Oak community to their police department. Continuing to build upon the success of years past, Sergeant Dominick Catanese, Sergeant Jimmy Elrod, and Ms. Catherine Koehn enthusiastically planned, organized, and managed this excellent community policing program. As a result of their teamwork, a new group of Royal Oak residents received a first-hand look at their police department and most importantly, the men and women who work together to keep their city safe. Their professionalism in helping our agency achieve and maintain our community-oriented efforts is in keeping with the Core Values of the Royal Oak Police Department.



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Unit Citation

awarded to

*David Budzynowski
Dominick Catanese
Jordan Desano
Jason Manning
Timothy Brown*

*Gerald Karr
John Love
Brenna Link
Kyle Knauss
Katlyn Meckl*

*Joseph Yerke
Austin Plitz
Robert Hull
Blaine Goertler
Joshua Little*

*Karlee Campbell
Brian Domzalski
Tyler Snyder
Nicholas Shoemaker
Jessica Reece*

*Allison Cole
Ashley Palomba
Katherine Reynolds
Mina Yono
Theodore Eising*

On August 27, 2024, members of both Bravo and Delta Platoons worked tirelessly to deal with an onslaught of weather-related calls after a severe rainstorm. For nearly four hours, these members received, processed, and responded to over 160 calls for service. As a result of their excellent teamwork, the command staff, patrol officers, 911 dispatchers, and cadets fought through adverse conditions to serve the citizens of Royal Oak. Their overall efforts embodied the Core Values of the Royal Oak Police Department.



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Unit Citation

awarded to

*Jordan Desano
Michael Paramo
Jimmy Elrod*

*Jacob Gostiaux
Renee Hertz
Samii Ismail*

*Ryan Moran
Justin Francis
Brandon Yax*

*Natalia Satterfield
Joshua Little
Joseph Lovasz*

*Zachary Bunting
Brooke Williams
Steven Heck
Theodore Eising*

On October 12, 2024, members of Delta Platoon responded to the 1000 block of N. Blair Avenue on the report of a subject wanted in connection with an attempted murder in Madison Heights. Upon arrival at the address, officers learned that the suspect was armed and barricaded inside the garage. Officers immediately established a perimeter, formed a contact team, and began attempts to establish communication with the armed subject. After a successful round of negotiations between Delta Platoon members and the armed subject, the suspect agreed to exit the garage. With the subject still in possession of the weapon, ROPD officers exhibited astounding restraint and professionalism, eventually convincing the subject to discard the weapon and surrender without incident. As a result of their teamwork, professionalism, and restraint, ROPD personnel defused a potentially deadly situation. Their actions exemplified the Core Values of the Royal Oak Police Department.



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Royal Oak Police Department

Community Service Award

awarded to

Jessica Reece

In early 2024, Officer Jessica Reece identified a key community policing need and approached the administration about her desire to organize and host our first-ever ROPD Youth Police Academy. After countless personal hours of research, planning, and organizing, she teamed with Sergeant Spangler, Officer Lipscomb, Officer Stienke, and Officer Gostiaux to make the youth police academy a reality. In July 2024, her team hosted 30 young men and women from the Royal Oak community and over five days, made a monumental positive impact on the students, their families, and the Royal Oak community as a whole. Despite the challenges that come with getting a new program off the ground, Officer Reece's hard work resulted in a well-planned, and well-executed community policing event that will have a lasting impression. Officer Reece's dedication, professionalism, and vision exemplified the Core Values of the Royal Oak Police Department.



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Community Service Award

awarded to

Andre Stienke

Throughout 2024, Officer Stienke demonstrated a strong desire to lead several community policing initiatives on behalf of the Royal Oak Police Department. Over the year, Officer Stienke fielded requests for community policing activities, including tours of the station, attendance at community events, presentations at the Royal Oak Senior Center, and coordination of crossing guards with Royal Oak Schools to name a few. Officer Stienke's efforts to continue our strong relationship with the citizens of Royal Oak are instrumental in furthering the community policing goals of the Royal Oak Police Department.



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Chief Michael Moore

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Royal Oak Police Department

Certificate of Commendation

awarded to

Christine Page

Benjamin Cameron

On July 28, 2024, 911 Dispatchers Christine Page and Benjamin Cameron received multiple 911 calls concerning a head-on injury accident near S/B I-75 at Fourth Street. Dispatchers Page and Cameron immediately sent police and rescue to the scene, where arriving officers immediately located two vehicles with catastrophic damage. Throughout this incident, Dispatchers Page and Cameron coordinated with multiple agencies, allowing for the treatment and transport of an injured party. While the situation was tragic, the teamwork, steadfast professionalism, and compassion displayed by Dispatchers Page and Cameron epitomized the Core Values of the Royal Oak Police Department.



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Certificate of Commendation

awarded to

Kyle Vanderhoff

Keith Bierenga

On September 28, 2024, Royal Oak officers responded to the 200 block of W. 11 Mile Road on the report of an armed robbery of a business. While the suspects in the incident were apprehended, the lack of a weapon and other obstacles initially precluded the ability to pursue armed robbery charges. Despite an overwhelming caseload from other in-custody investigations throughout the weekend, Detectives Kyle Vanderhoff and Keith Bierenga worked tirelessly to uncover additional evidence. As a result of their tenacity, attention to detail, and dedication, additional evidence led to the authorization of a multi-count felony warrant against the suspects. The relentless investigation effort and excellent teamwork between Detective Vanderhoff and Detective Bierenga led to the removal of multiple violent felons from the streets of Royal Oak and are in keeping with the Core Values of the Royal Oak Police Department.



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Royal Oak Police Department

Certificate of Commendation

awarded to

*Blaine Goertler
Michael Stokes
Vincent Chandler*

*Zachary Bunting
Joseph Lovasz
Natalia Satterfield*

*Renee Hertz
Anthony Carter*

While assigned to Charlie or Delta Platoon throughout 2024, Officer Blaine Goertler, Officer Michael Stokes, Officer Vincent Chandler, Officer Zachary Bunting, Officer Joseph Lovasz, Officer Natalia Satterfield, Officer Renee Hertz, and Officer Anthony Carter did an extraordinary job of identifying, investigating, and removing intoxicated drivers from the roadways of the City of Royal Oak. As a direct result of the dedication and efforts of these eight officers to combat drunk and drugged driving, each of them had over 25 Operating While Intoxicated or Operating Under the Influence related arrests in 2024. Their combined efforts are in keeping with the Royal Oak Police Department's Mission Statement "To Keep Royal Oak Safe".



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