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Press Release

Norfolk DA Michael W. Morrissey presents Dana Awards to Milton, Randolph, Braintree and Weymouth Officers



Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey conferred 2014 Officer Robert P. Dana Awards for meritorious police work to seven police officers from four south shore towns during Law Day ceremonies at Quincy District Court on May 2, 2014.

Assistant District Attorney Sarah Lelle was presented the Timothy J. Spillane Award for outstanding district court prosecution.

“Metropolitan Police Officer Dana was shot and killed by a suspect who had gained control of another officer’s weapon during a traffic stop on March 25, 1984,” District Attorney Morrissey said. “He had been an officer for 8 years and had arrived at the stop to assist another officer. The award recognizes exemplary police work, but also recognizes the valor associated with stepping into harm’s way not once, but as a way of life.”

Braintree Police Detectives Stephen Wallace and Thomas Molloy were nominated by Chief Russell W. Jenkins for their work in the “Brim Beanie Bandit” case, resulting in the arrest of a suspect in multiple bank robberies in several communities.

Milton Officer Christopher Potts was nominated by Chief Richard G. Wells, Jr., for his careful handling of separate motor vehicle stops that escalated into arrests and the seizure of stolen firearms.

Randolph Sgt. William McNamara and Officer Craig Staffier were nominated by Chief William E. Pace for their work apprehending a bank robbery suspect.

Weymouth Officer Brenden Fogarty and Detective David Galvin were nominated by Chief Richard C. Grimes for their response and investigation resulting in the arrest of two suspects in a violent armed robbery at a local market, ending in a carjacking and temporary escape by one suspect.

“The Spillane Award is named for a longtime District Court Chief in our office. Tim served as mentor to countless young prosecutors as they grew in their positions,” District Attorney Morrissey said. “It is that attitude that I try to instill in every member of my office as we work together to protect victims. I congratulate Sarah Lelle not just for winning this award, but for earning it one day, one case and one victim at a time.”