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Denver Police Department | Volunteers In Police Service

## Upcoming Events

Check out our upcoming events. If you have further questions or would like to sign up, please get in touch with us!

### Citizens Police Academy

The next Citizens Police Academy (CPA) begins on April 5, 2018 and runs 9 weeks which can be counted for volunteer hours. Current VIPS do not need to fill out an application or go through a background check. Please let Marie Dabis know if you are interested.

### Special Olympics Polar Plunge & 5k Run

Sunday March 11, 2018.  
Everyone is invited to attend, so please ask your co-workers, family members and friends to join a team. The 5K Dash will begin at 9:00 am and Plunging will begin at Elitch's at 10 am.  
To register visit:  
[www.classy.org/fundraiser/1256716](http://www.classy.org/fundraiser/1256716)



## Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

The 2017 Annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch was held early February at the Peak Pub House at the Pepsi Center. In attendance were nearly 200 VIPS and their families, Chaplains, DPD Personnel and many more.

The morning started with the Honor Guard presenting the flags and Officer Ron Jones sang the National Anthem. Chief White expressed his thanks and appreciation to the volunteers for their time, dedication and service.

Our emcee, Bo Jaxon, led us through the rest of our time together as we honored many volunteers who have gone above and beyond what is required of them. Check out the nominees and award winners below.

The brunch concluded with Marie Dabis sharing her heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers for all they do, "Without YOU this program and the support you give the Denver Police would be vacated. Thank you for your selfless giving."



## Volunteer Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all those that celebrate during the month of February!

- Roque Robles.....Feb 01
- Bill Graveley.....Feb 02
- Carl Gaetani.....Feb 05
- Bill Kress.....Feb 07
- Jim Elliott.....Feb 09
- Sarah Welch.....Feb 09
- Emily Mowrer.....Feb 12
- Jim Medford.....Feb 14
- Evan Chavez.....Feb 15
- Madelyn Hunsley.....Feb 18
- Amber McDonnell.....Feb 21
- Eloit Baskin.....Feb 20
- Wendy Barile.....Feb 25
- Marie Hernandez.....Feb 25
- Mujda Murad.....Feb 26
- Jill Perry.....Feb 26

## 2017 Volunteer Awards

In recognition of those volunteers that went above and beyond the call of duty as a volunteer, the following were recently awarded at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch.

### President's Volunteer Service Award

Recognizes United States citizens who have achieved at least 250 hours of service in 2017. Each recipient will receive an official President's Volunteer Service Award coin, a personalized certificate of achievement as well as a congratulatory letter from the President of the United States.

#### Silver Award 250+ hours

- Kellie Dicharry
- Carolyn Emrick
- Bruce Greiner
- Gary Hall
- Anthony Landrum
- Dick Larsen
- Glenn Lasater
- Merce Lea
- Debi Libonati
- Jim Medford
- Mujda Murad
- MC Reichman
- Jack Smith
- Michel Vallee
- John Yetsko

#### Gold Award 500+ hours

- Jodie Sheppard
- Susan Vasalle



### Volunteer Of The Quarter

In recognition of outstanding contributions to the Denver Police Department and for continued commitment, dedication, leadership and exceptional volunteer service.

Doug Bruce

Joanie Jones

Daren Casey (not pictured)

Anthony Landrum



## 2017 Award Nominees

### Rookie Of The Year

In recognition of exceptional work ethic and contribution to the team in the first year of service, the following were nominated for Rookie Of The Year:

Doug Bruce

Kellie Dicharry

Amy Karlzen



## Rookie Of The Year

Kellie Dicharry



Whenever her busy college schedule allows you will find Kellie at DPD Community events with a huge smile on her face. She assists the Department wherever there is opportunity including the Community HUB in Northfield, the Police Academy Scenarios, PAL Football Games and District Events. She also applied her professional expertise by assisting with the Volunteers in Police Service Social Media pages. She has an incredible work ethic and is always willing to dive in whenever she is needed. She has impressed many individuals with her proactive attitude and always brightens the day of everyone she comes in contact with. While she might seem tiny in stature, she is mighty in strength, willing to carry loads bigger than her. In her short amount of time with DPD, she has been a huge contributor making a difference wherever she goes. Her positive attitude is contagious and she always gives 100%.



## 2017

### Award Nominees

#### Di Holmes Honorary

In recognition of wholehearted dedication to their community, selfless acts of service for others and faithful contributions to the ideals and purposes of the Denver Police Department, the following were nominated for the Di Holmes Honorary Award.

Fraida Balaban

Ed Korabic



## Di Holmes Honorary

The Di Holmes Honorary Award was established to honor the memory and work of one of DPD's first volunteers. Drolli "Di" Holmes volunteered over 6,600 hours to help build the DPD Volunteer Program. In 2013 Di passed away after a long fought battle with breast cancer.

### Ed Korabic



Dr. Korabic's involvement in the Northfield/Stapleton neighborhood has been nothing short of immense. The community is better off and more enriched due to his involvement. All year long Dr. Korabic has worked diligently on issues that impact his neighborhood and is well deserving of recognition for his tremendous efforts. As president of the COP Shop at the Community HUB at Northfield Stapleton, Dr. Korabic has worked on numerous projects and activities to help build positive relationships between citizens and police, some of which include: Working to revitalize and grow the Neighborhood Watch program, partnering with local businesses to raise awareness of the work of DPD, facilitating several crime prevention classes, and working with District 5 for numerous outreach events including their large scale safety expo.

## 2017 Award Nominees

### Volunteer Of The Year

Presented to the volunteer with a distinguished commitment to excellence, in support of the values of the Denver Police Department.

Carolyn Emrick

Ed Korabic

**Glenn Lasater**

Merce Lea

Jim Lopresti

Gerry Szadaj



## Volunteer Of The Year

### Glenn Laster



Glenn began working in Traffic Investigations two years ago and has been contributing two full days every week that entire time. Glenn has exceeded what any previous volunteer has ever done, consistently going above and beyond what is requested of him. He is able to screen a message, review an investigative or accident report, and then call the person back with information to assist them. This helps the Unit stay responsive to the public and prevents delays in returning phone messages. Glenn has acquired an expert level of understanding in the police processes and is able to provide the public with the same advice and direction they would receive from a detective. Glenn has learned so much that he rarely needs to ask a question about what to tell someone. This is the same service he provides to people who arrive at the front desk or call the office while he is working.

Glenn has also become a valued member of the team by developing skill in photographing and measuring vehicles at the Denver Impound. Every vehicle impounded for hit and run must be inspected, measured, and photographed to allow detectives to formulate an opinion about whether or not a collision occurred as reported by the party that remained. This is critical for proving a case in court. In the past, each detective would have to spend a portion of their week at the impound conducting these inspections. Now, two years later, he is relied upon by the detectives who routinely leave him 10 to 20 inspection requests a week.

Recently, Glenn has experienced some tragedy in his life and his devotion to the unit was so strong that he felt bad about not being able to volunteer. Many of the personnel in TIU reached out to Glenn to offer support and help of any kind. Glenn has made such a lasting impression with those who see him weekly that the unit truly feels like he is part of the family. Glenn is such a fixture in the weekly makeup of Traffic Investigation that everyone notices when he is gone. Often heard in the Unit is the comment, "What would we do without Glenn?"