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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael E. Hish

CHIEF OF POLICE

May 16, 2012

Chief Gerald Mourning  
Arlington Heights Police Department  
33 South Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Dear Chief Mourning,

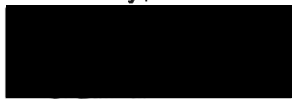
On April 21, 2012, our officers responded to assist with a death investigation in the 1300 block of Mallard.

On behalf of the Hoffman Estates Police Department, please accept this sincere letter of appreciation for the outstanding professionalism and dedication exhibited by Investigator Joe Pinnello, while assisting in said investigation.

This investigation was successfully resolved due to the coordinated efforts of multiple agencies that responded and assisted. We greatly appreciated the assistance of Investigator Joe Pinnello during this investigation.

Our agencies rely on each other for support when incidents like this occur. If I can ever be of service, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Hish  
Chief of Police

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FRANK J. KAMINSKI  
CHIEF OF POLICE

February 17, 2012

Chief Gerald Mourning  
Arlington Heights Police Department  
200 E Sigwalt St  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Dear Chief Mourning,

On February 9, 2012, MCAT was activated for a homicide in Park Ridge. You all probably know the facts so I won't go over them again.

But, I wanted to again thank you and your staff for your support. A special thanks to Officer Buczynski, Officer Pinnello, Officer Kirby and Commander Kearney for doing such a professional job investigating this case. To go from a dead body with no identification to an offender charged in four days is truly a tribute to the great officers we have in MCAT.

On behalf of the citizens of Park Ridge and the members of the Park Ridge Police Department, thank you and I am grateful that Park Ridge is part of this great task force.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Frank Kaminski  
Chief of Police

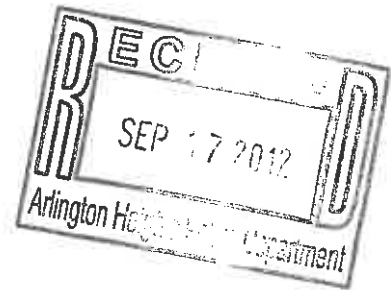
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Rodger Loni  
CHIEF OF POLICE

**DEPARTMENT OF POLICE**  
**VILLAGE OF RIVER GROVE**  
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Date: September 11<sup>th</sup> 2012  
To: Chief Gerald Mourning  
From: Chief Rodger Loni  
Re: Recognition for Sgt. Pinnello and Officer Porebski



Chief Mourning-

This is a letter of appreciation to the Arlington Heights Police Department for assisting River Grove Police Department during a shooting investigation which occurred in our town on September 10<sup>th</sup> 2012.

On this date, 2 males committed a burglary by breaking into a residence near the 8000 block of Grand Ave in River Grove. During this time, the residing family came home and walked right into this extremely dangerous situation. The event subsequently led into one of the offenders being shot during the altercation but both subjects subsequently escaped.

During the processing of this violent scene, our department was canvassing and following up with area hospitals in an attempt to try to discover the identity of these offenders.

It was not until we were given notification by your department, (and the securing offender by Sgt. Pinnello and Officer Porebski specifically,) that we were able to take the investigation in the right direction and the suspects were identified and charged.

Sgt. Pinnello and Ofc. Porebski should be recognized for their invaluable assistance and good police work. Their support is an example of the good relationship relationship that both of our departments continue to share.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Rodger Loni.

Rodger Loni, Chief

River Grove Police Department

# Prospect Heights Police Department

James J. Dunne • Chief of Police

October 13, 2011

Chief Gerald S. Mourning  
Arlington Heights Police Department  
33 S. Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005

Dear Chief Mourning:

On September 26, 2011 at approximately 3:30 p.m., Prospect Heights Police Officers responded to the [REDACTED] for simultaneous reports of "a verbal altercation and shouting", "shots fired", and "a woman reporting that she was being attacked".

When officers arrived, they located two individuals, a man and a woman, deceased in the fourth floor hallway.

MCAT assistance was requested, and Commander Kenneth Galinski, Sgt. Michael Kearney, Investigator Joseph Pinnello and Investigator Charles Biczynski arrived and provided assistance and aid in this matter, which was later determined to be a murder/suicide.

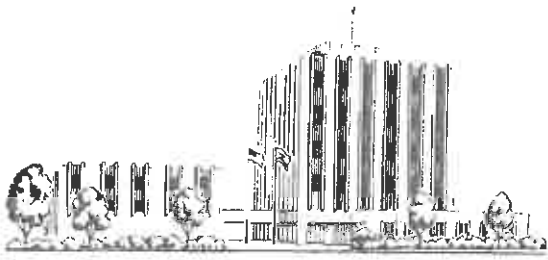
Please accept this letter of thanks for the performance of your officers in their assistance to our department. The exhibition of professionalism during this incident was a credit to the Arlington Heights Police Department.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

James J. Dunne, Chief of Police  
Prospect Heights Police Department

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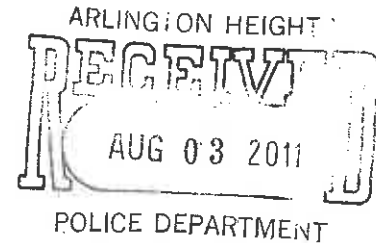
**Department of Police**

**CITY OF DES PLAINES**

**1418 Miner/Northwest Highway ■ Des Plaines, Illinois 60016-4499 ■ (847) 391-5400**

July 31, 2011

Gerald Mourning  
Chief of Police  
Arlington Heights Police Department  
33 South Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005



Dear Chief Mourning,

On July 22, 2011, approximately 10:30 pm, the Des Plaines Police Department responded to a shooting that was determined to have taken place in to 1800 block of Pine Court. Investigation revealed that a disturbance between rival gangs from Des Plaines erupted in gun-fire and the victim [REDACTED] was shot in the chest as he and his associates drove to the area and provoked a fight. [REDACTED] ultimately died from his injuries.

Investigators and Forensic Technicians from the Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) were activated and responded to Des Plaines under extremely unfavorable weather conditions that severely impacted each agency's ability to provide service to their municipality.

Tom Gadowski and Ken Galinski coordinated this investigation as detectives from Des Plaines and MCAT apprehended and positively identified the offender, who is a juvenile and known gang member from Des Plaines. Every lead was generated from lengthy interviews with uncooperative gang members and citizens in the area who feared retaliation if they were linked to the investigation.

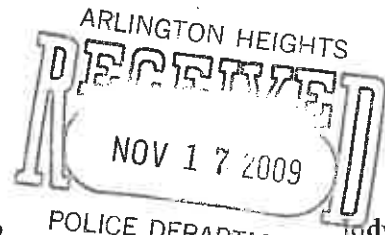
Please extend my sincere appreciation for the dedicated professionalism displayed by your personnel. While we are still trying to upgrade the criminal charges against the juvenile offender, every member of MCAT should be proud of the results achieved during this difficult investigation. Ken Galinski, Chuck Buczynski, Joe Pinnello, Mike Kearney, Susan Burgo and William Kirby are a reflection of the quality of service provided by the Arlington Heights Police Department on a daily basis.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

Chief Jim Prandini  
Des Plaines Police Department





Richard M. Daley  
Mayor

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POLICE DEPARTMENT Jody P. Weis  
Superintendent of Police

Chief of Police  
Gerald Mourning  
Arlington Hts. Police Dept

Nov 11, 2009

Dear Chief Gerald Mourning,

I would like to inform you about the good work one of your detectives performed on Nov 09, 2009. Officers of the Chicago Police Dept in the 016<sup>th</sup> District arrested a subject named [REDACTED] for attempt burglary. This subject was equipped with a backpack that contained rubber gloves and two pry bars. She was discovered in the rear yard of the home of an elderly couple where she had opened a door leading into the home. Two other subjects were able to make good their escape. The investigation revealed that the subjects were "Gypsies" from Lake Forest, IL.

I was aware that Det. Joe Pinnello #265 of the Arlington Hts. Police Dept had knowledge of "Gypsies" from previous conversations with the detective. I contacted Det Pinnello and advised him of the situation developing in Chicago. Det. Pinnello was able to provide the Chicago Police Dept with a wealth of information on this crew that proved extremely valuable in our investigation. Without the assistance and sharing of his knowledge by Det Pinnello, the officers in the 016<sup>th</sup> district would have come to a standstill in their investigation. Det Pinnello's information will be of great assistance for furthering our investigation into this burglary ring.

I just wanted to thank your department and Det Pinnello for his prompt and valuable assistance. This is another example of the great work that can be accomplished when knowledgeable investigators are willing to share information with other police agencies. Det Pinnello was readily willing to assist the Chicago Police Dept. Please express my personal thanks to Det Pinnello for his time and effort in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

Sgt. Raymond Cowin # 1262  
Chicago Police Dept. 016<sup>th</sup> District  
5151 N. Milwaukee Ave  
Chicago, Ill 60630



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November 23, 2009

Chief Gerald Mourning  
Arlington Heights Police Department  
33 South Arlington Heights Rd  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Dear Chief Mourning:

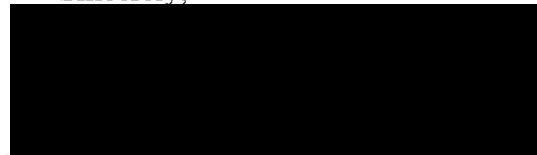
At 0650 hours on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, Wheeling Police officers responded to a strong armed robbery. Two unknown offenders attacked the female victim, striking her and taking her purse. The two offenders fled the scene in a vehicle driven by a third subject. The victim was able to provide a description of the female offender.

Detective Joe Pinello was contacted by Wheeling Detective Joe Licari and asked to assist the Wheeling Police Department with their investigation. He was able to ascertain additional information pertaining to the suspect's clothing and was able to draw a composite of the offender. Detective Pinello's commitment and professionalism was extraordinary.

His willingness to assist in the investigation is an example of what an outstanding individual representative he is of your department. It is reassuring to me and the members of the Wheeling Police Department that we are able to contact in our hour of need.

Please extend our thanks to Detective Pinello, and be assured of our continuing cooperation in all matters of mutual concern.

Sincerely,



John Stone  
Chief of Police

JT/mlb



# DEPAUL UNIVERSITY



## Youth Tobacco Access Project

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Chicago, Illinois 60614-2458  
FAX: 773/325-4923

January 3, 2005

Gerald Mourning, Chief of Police  
Arlington Heights Police Department  
33 S. Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Dear Chief Mourning,

We are writing to express our gratitude for your department's efforts to reduce youth tobacco use in Arlington Heights. Over the past five years, our research team has worked with a variety of communities in Illinois to evaluate the effectiveness of local tobacco control laws on youth tobacco use. During the fall of 2004, we contacted your department and requested assistance with an observational study we were conducting regarding the effects of tobacco possession law enforcement on public smoking by minors. We explained that we observed a high amount of tobacco use and open exchange of cigarettes among youth at the McDonalds across from Buffalo Grove High School. Commander Lambert was very responsive to our request for increased enforcement of the tobacco possession law targeting that location. Over the three-week period, your detectives had contact with 45 youth at the location, and issued 16 tobacco possession citations to those youth who were minors. As we outline in the accompanying report, the actions of your detectives (i.e., contact with youth to enforce the tobacco possession law) resulted in a significant decrease in observed cigarette smoking among both minors and adults (i.e., youth aged 18 or over) at the target location.

We appreciate and commend the efforts of Commander Lambert. His responsiveness to the observed underage tobacco use was immediate, planned, and well executed. Even with all of the other issues that the Arlington Heights Police Department faces, Commander Lambert was able to mobilize his detectives and develop feasible ways to increase enforcement of the tobacco possession law at the target location. We also want to express our appreciation to Det. Pinnello, Det. Recker, Det. Baumgarten, Det. Boyle, Det. Bland, Det. Mandel, Det. Sjodin, and Det. Hayes. These detectives acted professionally and diligently while enforcing the tobacco possession law at the target location. We are glad that they were not discouraged from their efforts when they contacted more youth who were aged 18 or over than under 18. Please express our sincere appreciation to the Detectives and Commander Lambert.

The assistance of your department enabled us to successfully complete the study, which we have written up for publication in a scientific journal. We included a copy of this manuscript for your records. As you will see, none of the towns were identified in the manuscript to protect the confidentiality of their participation. We believe that active enforcement of tobacco possession laws can reduce youth tobacco use by reducing public smoking among youth and thereby reducing the negative peer pressure for others to smoke. Police departments who are

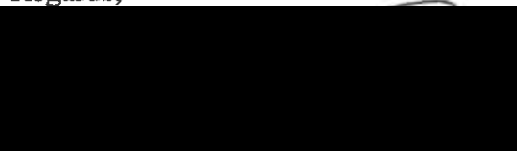
*Working with Communities to Reduce Tobacco Use Among Youth*



participating in our research also have found this type of enforcement to be a useful tool for officers to reduce or prevent other crimes. For example, one community reduced the amount of vandalism in a park by actively enforcing the tobacco possession law. We hope you see the benefits of enforcing this law and continue your efforts.

We enjoyed working collaboratively with your department to monitor the problem of youth tobacco use and enforcement of the youth tobacco possession ordinance. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to further support your tobacco control and prevention efforts. Thank you again for your assistance.

Regards,



Steven B. Pokorny, Ph.D.  
Project Director



Monica Adams, MPH  
Community Relations Manager

cc: Arlene J. Mulder, Mayor  
Commander J. Lambert



## Village of Arlington Heights

33 South Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005-1499  
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Arlene J. Mulder  
Mayor

July 10, 2003



Officer Joseph Pinnello  
Village of Arlington Heights  
Police Department

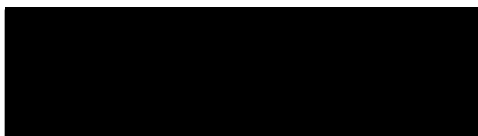
Dear Officer Pinnello:

Attached is a copy of a letter I received from Rev. Vincent Costello, Pastor of Our Lady of the Wayside Parish complimenting you for your assistance with the Fun Run/Walk which took place last month. Your efforts on the Parish's behalf were commendable and obviously greatly appreciated.

It is gratifying to receive a letter regarding the outstanding performance of an employee and I am proud that you are representing Arlington Heights.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,



Arlene J. Mulder  
Mayor

c: Police Chief Rodney Kath  
Personnel File



## Village of Arlington Heights

33 South Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005-1499  
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March 5, 2003

Steve Balinski  
Deputy Chief of Field Operations  
Village of Buffalo Grove  
Department of Police  
46 Raupp Boulevard  
Buffalo Grove, IL. 60089-2199

Dear Steve:

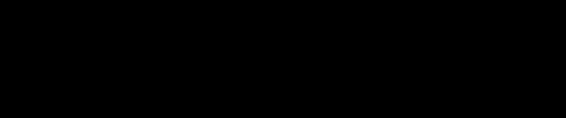
I am in receipt of your letter commending Officer Joseph Pinnello for providing assistance to the Buffalo Grove Police Department relative to a recent Domestic Battery case.

Although we expect our Officers to carry out their duties courteously and efficiently, it is always a pleasure to receive such comments from those whom we are able to assist. Your experience with Joseph is typical of the positive and tireless professionalism he has exhibited throughout his career while serving this community. We are pleased he is a member of our team.

A copy of your letter will be placed in the Joe's personnel file.

Thank you for taking the time to call this to our attention.

Sincerely,



Rodney L. Kath  
Chief of Police  
Arlington Heights Police Department

RLK/td

cc: William C. Dixon, Village Manager  
Deputy Chief Michael F. Schenkel  
Personnel File

# VILLAGE OF BUFFALO GROVE

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Leo C. McCann  
Chief of Police



February 27, 2003

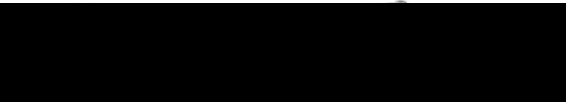
Chief Rodney Kath  
Arlington Heights Police Department  
33 S. Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005

Dear Chief Kath:

On the February 20, 2003, Officer Joseph Pinnello assisted our department with a Domestic Battery case. Officer Pinnello carried out his duties in a courteous and efficient manner, and because of his assistance the offender was successfully apprehended.

Please extend the Buffalo Grove Police Department's gratitude to Officer Pinnello for his timely, valuable assistance.

Sincerely,



Steve Balinski  
Deputy Chief Field Operations

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## Village of Arlington Heights

33 South Arlington Heights Road  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005-1499  
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July 12, 2001



Dear [REDACTED]

I am in receipt of your letter dated July 6, 2001 commending Officers Pinnello and Sjodin for their diligence in assisting you during such a difficult time.

Although we expect our Officers to carry out their duties courteously and efficiently, it is always a pleasure to receive such comments from those we serve. Your experience with both Joe and Rick is typical of the positive and tireless professionalism they have exhibited throughout their careers while serving this community. We are pleased that they are members of our team.

A copy of your letter will be placed in their personnel files.

Thank you for taking the time to call this to our attention.

Sincerely,



Rodney J. Kath  
Chief of Police  
Arlington Heights Police Department

RLK/td

cc: William C. Dixon, Village Manager  
Captain John W. Fellmann  
Commander William C. Martin  
Personnel File

**NORTHBROOK  
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CHARLES J. WERNICK  
CHIEF OF POLICE

April 4, 2008

Chief Gerald Mourning  
Arlington Heights Police Department  
200 E. Sigwalt  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005

Dear Chief Mourning:

As you may be aware, in February Northbrook investigated an attempted armed robbery case occurring outside a restaurant in town. The offender attempted at knife point to rob a woman exiting her car in a parking lot. Investigator Joseph Pinnello assisted Northbrook with the investigation by preparing a composite of the offender. The composite was distributed and a witness to the incident came forward to assist. A show up was assembled and the offender was identified and charged.

It is without a doubt that without the assistance and expertise of Investigator Pinnello, the offender may not have been apprehended.

Please express my thanks and appreciation to Investigator Pinnello for his willingness to help another agency, especially on such a short notice. The Police Department and community as a whole appreciates his assistance.

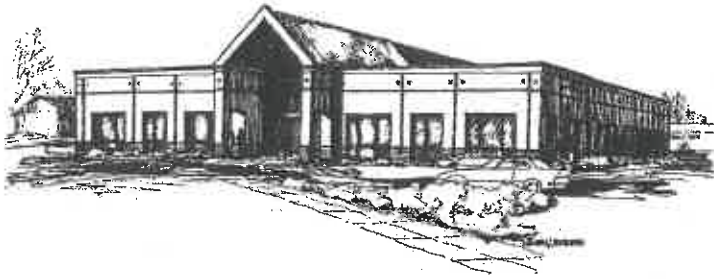
Thank you for you and your department's continued support.

Sincerely,

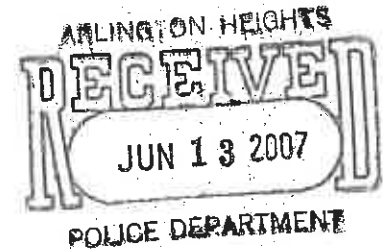
Northbrook Police Department

Charles J. Wernick  
Chief of Police

CJW:bn



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**Streamwood Oaks  
Golf Course**  
565 Madison Drive  
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630-483-1895 (Fax)

June 8, 2007

Gerald S. Mourning, Chief of Police  
Arlington Heights Police Department  
33 South Arlington Heights Rd.  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Dear Chief Mourning:

On June 1, 2007 Officers of the Streamwood Police Department responded to a report of a robbery at a Subway Sandwich Shop. The lone employee had locked up at the end of the night and carried the cash receipts with him to his car. As he entered his car, a male Black approached him and demanded the backpack containing the cash. The offender punched the victim, pulled him from his car and caused personal injury in addition to fleeing with the proceeds of the day. Responding Officers, including a canine unit, were unable to locate the offender.

On June 8, 2007 Investigator Joe Pinnello came to the Streamwood Police Department and generated an incredible artist rendering of our armed robbery suspect. Investigator Pinnello has also assisted with previous investigations.

In law enforcement, we know that none of us stands alone. We depend on each other in countless ways to achieve our goals. Investigator Pinnello possesses a unique and worthwhile talent. He is an invaluable resource, and we sincerely appreciate that you and the Arlington Heights Police Department have allowed him to use his talent for our benefit.

Sincerely,

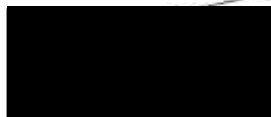
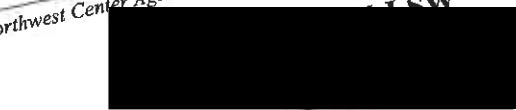
  
Alan V. Popp  
Chief of Police



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**Northwest CASA**  
Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault



Golf Road  
Suite 47  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005  
Hotline (888) 802-8890

24 Hour

Dear Chief Mourning,

I am writing to inform you of the wonderful job Det. Andrew Blevens, Det. Joe Parello, & officer Thomas Regas have done. Det Blevens was very helpful while investigating a case for my client. He was compassionate & professional & continually kept my client in the loop.

Det Parello & officer Regas handled a report I personally made against a prank caller to our hotline. They were fantastic to deal with! Thank you for everything you & your department does.

Warm regards,





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July 11, 2016

Arlington Heights Police Department  
Chief Gerald Mourning  
200 E Sigwalt Street  
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005

Dear Chief Mourning,

On behalf of the Schaumburg Police Department, I want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation to the Arlington Heights Police Department for the assistance provided by Detective Sergeant Joe Pinella.

In the early morning hours of May 29th our agency responded to a report of a sexual assault/home invasion at 2700 block of Odum Drive. The [REDACTED] She was able to fight him off and he fled out the back patio door. Because this incident occurred on our border with Streamwood, they responded to the scene as well. It was also learned Streamwood has had similar incidents occurring since 2012 with the last one happening in August of 2014.

One day after the reported incident, Detective Kaminski contacted Sergeant Joe Pinella and asked if he was available to meet with the victim to complete a composite sketch. Joe immediately made himself available to SPD and met with the victim at her earliest convenience. Joe spent close to two hours with her composing the sketch. Joe displayed a sympathetic and professional demeanor with the victim and it was because of this that allowed him to create a composite that was later determined to be a close resemblance to the offender.

Latent fingerprints recovered on the exterior sliding back patio door of the Schaumburg incident were submitted to R.E. Walsh & Associates for examination. Within a short time of receiving the prints, we were advised they were associated with [REDACTED]. Additionally, [REDACTED] prints were also identified in two previous Streamwood incidents. [REDACTED] was eventually taken into custody, interviewed, and subsequently confessed to his involvement in several of these incidents. He has been charged with numerous class X felonies and is being held on \$2,000,000 cash bond.

Again, please thank Joe Pinella for the assistance he and the Arlington Heights Police Department provided to our department and know that we are ready to reciprocate whenever the need arises.

[REDACTED]  
James E. Lamkin  
Chief of Police





**ANTIOCH POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**COMMANDER OF OPERATIONS**

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August 15, 2017

Chief Gerald Mourning  
Village of Arlington Heights Police Department  
200 East Sigwalt Street  
Arlington Heights, IL. 60005


Dear Chief Mourning,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the Village of Arlington Heights Police Department's assistance with a sketch artist on August 15, 2017.

Sergeant Joseph Pinnello's professionalism and sketch was phenomenal. His contribution to our effort was greatly appreciated and will be an important factor to our success.

I am extremely grateful for the excellent working relationship we have established between our organizations and look forward to working together in the future. If we can be of any assistance to your Department, please feel free to contact me at (847) 395-8585.

Sincerely,

  
Geoff Guttschow  
Commander of Operations

GBG/gcz

# Palatine Police Department

595 North Hicks Road  
Palatine, IL 60067-3608

ALAN STOECKEL  
Chief of Police

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February 11, 2019

Chief Gerald Mourning  
Arlington Heights Police Department  
1500 Shure Drive  
Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Dear Chief Mourning,

On the afternoon of February 5, 2019, our department suffered a terrible loss, as one of our officers passed away after battling cancer. In an effort to provide an honorable procession using all of our police vehicles from the hospice facility in Barrington, to Northwest Hwy. and Route 53 in our town, we would require the assistance of a neighboring law enforcement agency to assist with our 911 calls for an hour.

It was no surprise to my staff when members of the Arlington Heights Police Department stepped forward to handle a number of calls in our community. Officer Porebski translated Polish for one of my officers investigating a Child Endangerment Case, eventually leading to an arrest and Officer Eshoo and Officer Gatz assisted our officers as they investigated a serious crash on Dundee Rd. A couple days later it would be labeled a fatal, as the driver of the offending vehicle died two days later. His B.A.C. was five times the legal intoxication limit the night of the crash.

Not only did each officer represent the Arlington Heights Police Department by providing quality service here in Palatine, but it was the no-nonsense willingness to assist our request from Sergeants Winkleman, Jasper and Pinello, which proved to be a positive example of teamwork between our two departments.

Please pass along my heart-felt thanks to each one of them. Allowing most everyone an opportunity to say good-bye to one of our own provided a sense of healing which we needed. If there is anything I can do to assist in the future, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Alan Stoeckel  
Chief of Police

## Mourning, Gerald

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2019 1:07 PM  
**To:** Mourning, Gerald  
**Cc:** Hayes, Nathan; Pinnello, Joseph; Hayes, Thomas  
**Subject:** Appreciation for Commander Pinnello

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Dear Chief Mourning & Deputy Chief Hayes,

I have been a resident of the Village of Arlington Heights for over 25 years and would be remiss in not recognizing the work ethic and prompt communication of Commander Pinnello.

I represent the residents of the [REDACTED] - located just north of Aldi/Valli Produce and a stone throw's east of International Plaza. Over the years, residents have had regular conversations with the Village Manager and respective departments related to nightly noise (between 10pm – 7am), increase of the area's homeless population, and Plaza related issues. The Plaza issues range from suspicious activity along the Plaza's east service road / rear entrances of the respective shops, nighttime lighting along the service road, rogue signage along Golf Rd, abandoned vehicles/campers, etc.

This is the **FIRST** time anyone in the Village actually followed-up in such a prompt and professional manner. Commander Pinnello not only responded promptly – he covered all bases via email and phone.

My interaction with Commander Pinnello was in regards to an abandoned pop-up camper, which has been stowed in the front plaza lot since September. It has been reported to the Village many times since September with no resolution or follow-up by the VAH inspector. Randy Recklaus was contacted in February and he quarterbacked the concern to Commander Pinnello. As previously stated, he responded immediately.

Residents in this area feel slighted by the Village and stand by helplessly as this area continues to deteriorate. The violations resident's cite aren't extraordinary. In fact, VAH has rules and regulations to manage the problems. Yet there are no business consequences to force any change of behavior. So, basically the problems never go away. It's ridiculous a shop owner in this plaza has been allowed to stow his camper on the property for the entire winter season. Especially since the VAH inspector has allegedly been monitoring this area on a regular basis. This wouldn't be tolerated in the downtown area.

With that said, Commander Pinnello restored a bit of hope to residents in the area. After a couple conversations, it's clear Commander Pinnello cares and is doing everything in his power to nudge the Plaza owner to take action. We hope the information provided on other issues can be used to empower your team, promote awareness of the local issues, and assist in keeping residents safe.

I found Commander Pinnello to be engaging, respectful, understanding, and a good listener. He has tremendous communication skills and pays attention to detail.. I hope he is properly recognized and rewarded for his work ethic and continued efforts. He is definitely an asset to your team!

A personal thanks to you and your entire team! We appreciate everything you do!

Warmly,

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**Illinois Department of Transportation**

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## **Achievement Award**

Presented by the **Division of Traffic Safety** to

### **Officer Joseph Pinnello**

In recognition of your efforts contributing to highway traffic safety,  
for having made 31 DUI arrests since January 1, 2001.

Awarded November 2005



Michael R. Stout, Director  
Division of Traffic Safety

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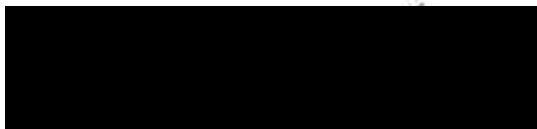
November 2005

## *Officer Joseph Pinnello*

Motor vehicle collisions continue to represent one of the single greatest threats to the safety and well being of Americans, and alcohol impaired drivers are annually responsible for significant personal injury and loss of life.

The Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Safety wishes to commend you for the exemplary performance on the area of DUI enforcement. Your efforts in this critical area of concern relative to public safety should serve as an example and inspiration to others in the law enforcement community.

It is our sincere hope that your substantial contributions to highway traffic safety will continue into the future.



Michael R. Stout, Director  
Division of Traffic Safety

**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
***Distinguished Performance Citation***

*This Citation is hereby awarded to:*

***Joseph A. Pinnello***

*In recognition of your attention to duty, in keeping with the  
quality of performance and high standards of a professional  
police officer.*

Reference: Aggravated Battery  
# 05-06188  
03-23-05

*Presented by Sergeant Jeffrey DuFloth  
This 4th Day of April 2005*

**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
***Distinguished Performance Citation***


*This Certificate is hereby awarded to:*

***Officer Joseph A. Pinnello #265***

*In recognition of your attention to duty, in keeping with the  
quality of performance and high standards of a professional  
police officer.*

Reference: 03 September 2000  
Case No. 00-22062  
Sudden Death

*Presented by Jerry W. Lambert, Commander  
This 14<sup>th</sup> Day Of September 2000*



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***Distinguished Performance Citation***


*This Certificate is hereby awarded to:*

***Officer Joseph A. Pinnello #265***

*In recognition of your attention to duty, in keeping with the  
quality of performance and high standards of a professional  
police officer.*

Reference: 18 May 2000  
Storm Related Duties

*Presented by John W. Fellmann, Commander  
This 25<sup>th</sup> Day Of May 2000*



**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**DISTINGUISHED PERFORMANCE**

This Certificate is hereby awarded to:

**INVESTIGATOR JOSEPH PINNELLO #265**

In recognition of your dedication and attention to duty, your assistance was instrumental in bringing about a successful conclusion to the investigation of the [REDACTED]

Reference: Criminal Drug Conspiracy  
September 2009 – April 2010  
Case No. 09-20919

*Presented by Richard W. Niedrich, Captain*  
*This 9<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2010*



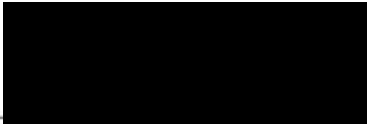
**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
***DISTINGUISHED***  
***PERFORMANCE CITATION***

*This Certificate is hereby awarded to:*

*Sergeant Joseph Pinnello, #553*

*In recognition of your dedication and attention to  
duty, you were instrumental in the arrest of two  
drug dealers and the seizure of firearms,  
narcotics and other assets.*

*Reference: 12 May 2012 – 16 May 2012  
Case No. 12-08900  
Unlawful Delivery of Cocaine*

  
*Presented by Captain Richard W. Niedrich  
This 18<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2013*


**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**COMMENDATION**

*This Certificate is hereby awarded to:*

*Sergeant Joseph Pinnello, #553*

*In recognition of your outstanding dedication and  
attention to duty, you were instrumental in the  
arrest of an offender for the harassment and  
stalking of an Arlington Heights resident.*

*Reference: 08 September 2011 – 13 April 2012  
Case No. 11-18512  
Aggravated Stalking*

  
*Presented by Captain Richard W. Niedrich  
This 18<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2013*



**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**L.W. CALDERWOOD**  
**OFFICER OF THE YEAR - 2018**

**Commander Joseph Pinnello #634**

*In recognition of your devotion to duty and  
personal commitment to provide the highest  
quality police service, your performance  
throughout the year has greatly contributed to  
the betterment of the community*

  
Presented by Chief Gerald Morning  
This 7<sup>th</sup> Day of March 2019



ARLINGTON HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

# *Honorable Mention*

PRESENTED TO

**Sergeant Joseph Pinnello #553**

Criminal Investigation Bureau

FOR

*A collaborative operation to combat individuals patronizing prostitution*

Sergeant Joseph Pinnello along with members of the Criminal Investigation Bureau and Patrol participated in two separate operations targeting those using in-call prostitution. Combined efforts resulted in the arrest of eleven suspects who were charged with a crime involving sex-for-money.



**Gerald S. Mourning**  
Chief of Police

Due to Sergeant Pinnello's participatory action and astute attention to duty, efforts to reduce criminal activity in Arlington Heights yielded positive results.

Presented by *Deputy Chief Miguel Hernandez*

This 28th Day of August 2015

Criminal Investigation Bureau

Reference: *Cook County Day of the Johns*

Case No. *N/A*

# AWARD

6.14.2  
Detective Pinnello

Thank you so much  
for coming to St.  
James on 6/13 &  
giving us valuable  
insights into  
sex abuse. You  
gave us facts  
that help us  
better understand  
the situation. [REDACTED]