

*Homer Police Department
News Media Information Report*



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The Distinguished Service Award – presented to a member of the Homer Police Department for an act of heroism in the line of duty in which a life is saved or an injury prevented through the efforts and actions of the officer.

Presented to:

Officer Christopher Parrow – Village of Homer PD
Officer Timothy Jones – Cortland Co Sheriffs

On March 21, 2018, officers were dispatched to check the welfare of a distraught individual in the village. Upon locating the individual at his residence he was holding a knife to his throat threatening self-harm. The officers were able to de-escalate the situation by talking to the individual convincing him to put the knife down where they were able to take him into custody without an injury to themselves or the individual.

Exceptional Duty Award –presented to a member of the Homer Police Department for a highly credible accomplishment bringing public acclaim to themselves, the department or the police profession as a result of training, duty or service to the public.

Presented to:

Officer Matthew Compton – Village of Homer PD

Officer Compton has displayed professionalism during his career with the village police department. He continues to work hard to not only improve himself but also the police department through training and law enforcement. In 2018 he became a field training officer and has taken an active approach with this assignment by training new officers and instilling in them his own traits of professionalism. He leads the department with DWI arrests and since he started with the department he has volunteered to organize the yearly Cops on Top Event charity event for Special Olympics.

Long and Faithful Service Commendation- is awarded to members of the Homer Police Department for every five (5) years of service.

Presented to:

Officer Christopher Parrow

Officer Parrow has served the Village of Homer community for ten (10) years. He began his police career with the village on March 31, 2008. He is a firearms instructor, armorer and an evidence technician.

Good Conduct Award- presented to a member of the Homer Police Department for a three (3) year tour without reprimand or any instance of disciplinary action on the matter.

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Chief's Achievement Award- presented to a member of the Homer Police Department who has brought public acclaim to themselves, the department or the police profession, through programs to increase police efficiency, provide educational assistance to the community, assist the youth of the community or advance the profession.

Presented to:

Officer Quentin Giles – Village of Homer PD

Officer Giles started his new assignment in September 2018 as a school resource officer (SRO) at the Homer Central Elementary School after retiring from the New York State Police with twenty-one (21) years of service. He quickly recognized a need for a child safety education program for not just the elementary school students but all of the students in the Homer School District.

Once he recognized this need, he contacted the National Child Safety Council and initiated a program within the schools, which consisted of fundraising in order to purchase needed items. His efforts generated over \$2,400.00 in donations from businesses and people within the community.

He is self-motivated with all of his duties and is a master firearms instructor, armorer and an active shooter instructor.

Homer Police Department Civilian Service Award- providing assistance to someone in the time of need.

Presented to:

Vincenzo Saraceno

Vincenzo is a 2018 Homer High School graduate and is currently a student at SUNY Cortland. He did an outstanding act by coming to the aid of a fellow student in May of 2018 at the high school. In a split moment, he made a decision and helped a fellow student in his time of need, which prevented the incident from become more tragic.