



Denver Police Department Newsletter

June 2018

FROM CHIEF WHITE:

With the pending announcement of the newly appointed chief, I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your contributions and dedication to the Denver Police Department and community. During the past six years, we made significant and meaningful changes for the betterment of the department and city. Many of these changes improve officer safety and overall effectiveness of the organization. I thank you for your tireless commitment to service, the department, and others.

Be safe out there.

Sincerely, Chief Robert White

FOR YOUR BENEFIT:



One of life's biggest stressors is change, especially change at work. We are comfortable in routine, predictability, and familiarity. This provides us a sense of control over our lives. But, one constant in life is change, as nothing ever remains the same. We are going through a state of change right now in our department as the Mayor will select a new Chief. This will certainly produce change within our department and it may be causing some uncertain feelings and low-level anxiety, as change typically does. We should not fear change. Sometimes change forces us out of our comfort zone and we find a new path with greater meaning and purpose.

Some ways to help reduce the fear of change is to accept that change is inevitable. Reduce your stress by trying to embrace change as an opportunity to learn and grow. Be part of the change process and be open-minded to the new possibilities. Keep working hard and ask for help or support if needed. We rely on our past experiences and utilize our mental strength and resources to thrive and survive. If you think this definition sounds familiar it is. This is Resiliency.

OFFICERS BEING AWESOME:

On Thursday, April 26, 2018, Officer Samuel Sheppard encountered a homeless teen and her one-year-old baby. The young mother was out of resources and was about to spend the night on the streets. After all other options were exhausted, Officer Sheppard opened his heart and his wallet, and gave the teen enough money to stay in a hotel for a couple days.



Thank you, Officer Sheppard, for being a light in a time of darkness for that mother and child.



Earlier in June, eight DPD officers volunteered to help with the 416 Fire near Durango, which included: Sergeant Steven Clayborn, Officers Joshua Yballa, Monica DeOssie, David Briggs, Greg Boatman, Brad Baker, Matthew Chase and Claire Smith. Thank you all for stepping up in a time of need.



Officer Celena Hollis' daughter, Amyre, graduated from high school in May. There is no doubt that Celena was looking down on her daughter during this momentous occasion, but some of our finest were also there to cheer loudly and proudly as Amyre took the stage. And we'll continue to be there for her as she takes on the world, because that's what families are for. Congrats, Amyre!

*Photos courtesy of District 2 Officer Susan Mercado.

EVENTS AND REMINDERS:

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