



Denver Police Department Newsletter

November 2018

FROM CHIEF PAZEN:

Happy holidays to you and your family!

With it being the busy holiday season, I encourage you to ensure that you are taking care of yourself. This can be a stressful time of the year, and without proper nutrition, sleep and overall self-care, the impacts of the additional stress can become overwhelming. Please make quality time for you and your loved ones these coming weeks, and always, be safe!

CONGRATULATIONS:



At the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conference in October, our Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) won the Leadership in Volunteer Police Service Programs Award. This award recognizes volunteer programs that demonstrate innovative, effective practices for augmenting paid staff and improving service delivery to their communities.

Our VIPS program has a direct and positive impact on our department with more than 250 highly-skilled and dedicated volunteers who provide invaluable assistance. In 2017, 264 volunteers worked 27,029 hours, thus adding \$636,803 in value for the City!

Please join us in congratulating our VIPS programs and its leaders for this well-deserved honor and in thanking them, and all volunteers, for their hard work!

**Photo features VIPS Director Marie Dabis and Assistant Director Megan Pletcher at the 2018 Annual IACP Conference.*

OFFICERS BEING AWESOME:

In Sept., Officers Seib and Guillen-Peña responded to a residence on N. Grant St. on a report of trespassing - squatters in a rental property. Come to find out, the "squatters" had fallen victim to



a rental scam and now were out money and a place to live. With some help, the officers were able to find another rental that not only agreed to let the family live rent-free for the first month, but they also agreed to renegotiate the monthly rate to meet the family's promised quote on the current property. Also, the officers worked to find a mover with a truck to transport the family's belongings into their new home, free of charge.

Talk about making a difference in the community!



In mid-October, Officers Barrandey and Catlett were dispatched on a welfare check on N. Speer Blvd., regarding a man who didn't show up to work. The officers arrived at the man's home, where they could hear a television and see that a light was on, but no one answered the door. After several different attempts to enter the house, they finally gained access and found the man on the floor in a semi-conscious state. The officers worked to keep the man conscious until paramedics arrived and transported him for medical treatment.

We commend these officers for their determination to enter the residence, which allowed for the man to receive much-needed medical treatment.

EVENTS & REMINDERS:

~ Denver Police Orphans' Fund Holiday Party - 4pm, Dec. 16

~ Brotherhood for the Fallen & Colorado Fallen Hero Avs Game - 1pm, Jan. 19, 2019

~ Stay up-to-date by checking the event section in SharePoint