



# Denver Police Department Newsletter

May 2019

## FROM CHIEF PAZEN:

We recently gathered at our Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony to pay respect to our sisters and brothers who made the ultimate sacrifice. Though a somber event, it does provide an opportunity for each of us to take a moment and honor not only those who have been laid to rest, but to also appreciate those who serve alongside of us every day.

If you were unable to attend the Memorial event, I encourage you to take time out of your day and reflect on what Police Week signifies - an opportunity to honor the 72 brave women and men who gave everything to our community.

Be safe out there!



## FOR YOUR BENEFIT:



Great news...the Resiliency and Wellness Program is expanding as Officer Sharon Avendano will be joining our team next week! With Officer Avendano's experience, empathy and passion to help, we will be able to expand our reach to help members of the department in a confidential, culturally-competent Peer Support capacity where it is a safe space to share.

The Chief's Office is committed to providing the services, support, assets, and resources needed to help those who help others. There may be times in all our lives that we need a lift. Allow the Resiliency and Wellness, Peer Support and Chaplains Program to be there for you and to extend a hand to walk side-by-side with you. Vulnerability is courageous. Focusing on the small things in life will help prevent the big things. Sound familiar? We can use the Broken Windows Theory as an analogy in a language that we understand. It is not about what we can do, it is about what we can recover from, and we are here to help you recover.

## OFFICERS BEING AWESOME:

In late March, District 6 officers responded to the area of 18th Street and Arapahoe Street on a report of a robbery. When officers contacted the victim, he explained that he had missed his bus home and while he was waiting for the next bus, a suspect walked up and assaulted him. The suspect then demanded the victim's phone and wallet, which included all of his money. Corporal Damon Roman was on scene and took the report, and before he left, he gave the victim enough money to purchase a bus ticket home to Avon, Colorado.

Thank you, Corporal Roman for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

On May 10th, Recruit Class 18-2 graduated, adding 42 new officers to our ranks. In addition to the graduation, that same day, seven officers were promoted. Please join us in welcoming our newest officers and congratulating the following officers:

Commander Hans Levens  
Lieutenant Alfonso Cervera  
Sergeant Michael Daniels  
Sergeant Joseph Vasquez, Jr.  
Sergeant Joseph Duncan  
Sergeant Jennifer Guigli  
Sergeant Christopher Archuleta



## EVENTS & REMINDERS:

- ~ May 30 - Torch Run
- ~ June 1 - Public Safety Night with the Colorado Rapids
- ~ Stay up-to-date by checking the event section in SharePoint