

MPD SEPTEMBER 2019 PSRC REPORT

PERF Recognition

We are proud to have been featured in a recent Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) report which provides a summary of a research project that focused on police agencies and their efforts in building positive relationships with immigrant communities. The new report, Community Policing in Immigrant Neighborhoods: Stories of Success, featured two police agencies – the Madison Police Department and the Aurora (CO) Police Department.

The report, which can be found here -

<https://www.policeforum.org/assets/CommunityPolicingImmigrantNeighborhoods.pdf> - was created as a guide to law enforcement agencies across the country on how they can expand their community policing efforts in immigrant neighborhoods, while also ensuring transparent communication with all necessary stakeholders. In 2018, PERF researched agencies that they believed were accomplishing these goals already. Our agency was identified and selected to participate in the research project, which subsequently led to the above report being published.

Madison PD is recognized as being a groundbreaking leader in this topic based on our outreach efforts, engagement programs, policies/procedures and collaborations with community agencies/government officials/community leaders/community members. I hope that you take a few minutes to explore the report to find out all the good things our agency has done and continues to do to build rapport, establish trust and maintain relationships within our community.

Promotions (9/10/19)

Detective Sergeant Diana Nachtigal to Lieutenant

Detective Sergeant Nachtigal has a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Upper Iowa University as well as an Associate Degree in Accounting from Madison College. She is currently serving as one of our Detective Sergeant's for the Violent Crime Unit (VCU). Detective Sergeant Nachtigal started her career with our Department in 1998 as an Account Technician. She was subsequently hired as a police officer in 2004, promoted to Detective in 2010 and promoted to Detective Sergeant in 2017.

During her tenure with the MPD, Detective Sergeant Nachtigal has worked as a patrol officer, a police officer with our Criminal Intelligence Section, a mental health liaison officer, a detective in the districts and VCU, and a member of our Community Safety Intervention Team (CSIT).

Police Officer Amelia Levett to Detective

Police Officer Amelia Levett has a Master's Degree from Michigan State University, where she graduated with honors. She started her career with the MPD in 2012. Officer Levett is currently a patrol officer in the West District (2nd detail).

Prior to her current assignment, Officer Levett has worked as a neighborhood resource officer in the South District. She is also currently a field training officer, special events team (SET) member, part of the hiring resource group and a member of the domestic violence team. Officer Levett also has experience as an instructor and a recruit officer mentor.

Police Officer David Mertz to Detective

Police Officer David Mertz has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from Aurora University and an Associates of Arts Degree from College of DuPage. He is currently a member of the West District Community Policing Team.

Police Officer Mertz was hired with the MPD in 2009. Prior to his current assignment, Police Officer Mertz was a patrol officer and a member of the Dane County Narcotics Task Force. He is a current SWAT officer, a member of the MPD mentor program and a member of our Redman Cadre. Police Officer Mertz is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

Police Officer Zulma Franco to Detective

Police Officer Zulma Franco has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Organizational Management (with a Minor in Social and Criminal Justice) from Ashford University. She was hired with our Department in 2009 and is currently the School Resource Officer at East High School.

Police Officer Franco was a patrol officer prior to her current assignment. She has taken on an active role for Amigos en Azul, peer support, Latino/Black youth academies, Explorer 911 and the MPD hiring resource group. Police Officer Franco is also a member of our Special Events Team