

**LYNN POLICE DEPARTMENT
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MEMORANDUM

To: Commanding Officers All Divisions
From: Chief Christopher P. Reddy
Date: May 9, 2024
Re: Officer of the Month – Officer Domingo Polonia

PLEASE READ AT ALL ROLL CALLS

The '**Officer of the Month**' award recognizes the efforts of an individual with the rank of patrol officer from Division or a Special Unit, who has demonstrated exceptional dedication in the performance of his/her duties during the previous month. I am very pleased to announce that our selection for this month's LPD '**Officer of the Month**' is Officer Domingo Polonia, who recently returned to Division, after being assigned to the Video Evidence Unit since February of 2021. This nomination was submitted by Lieutenant Ashley Affonco, who spoke on his behalf; with additional positive comments also submitted by Captain William Sharpe, and others in attendance.

As stated by Lieutenant Affonco, "although Officer Polonia has received this recognition previously; with him returning to Division, this is the proper time to thank him for all he did to make our new unit so successful." She further noted that "Officer Polonia's expertise with computers allowed him the knowledge to excel, but his personality and willingness to assist made him a constant contact for outside agencies who had questions about starting a BWC program."

Lieutenant Affonco relayed that "Officer Polonia has always made himself available and would frequently respond to issues on his off time' he never needed direction, and always managed to stay on top of everything we had going on." She also pointed out that "we heavily relied on him when we were first setting up the VEU, and although some of his duties may have evolved, his commitment never changed." As stated by Lieutenant Affonco, "I know he certainly picked up my slack on most days, and I know that without a doubt, he contributed to why this unit runs as smoothly as it does."

In addition, Lieutenant Affonco pointed out that "Officer Polonia has always been willing to assist in translation to YSU or at the Front Desk, he helps out with retraining on 911 for Division officers who need help with silent calls, he has added new address or radio numbers to the CAD system, and would sit in on oral boards and assist with hiring decisions, and "has no doubt that he will continue to do the same on Division."

From the period of May 21 – June 20, 2024, Officer Domingo Polonia will have the exclusive use (24/7) of a designated parking space, which is located right next to the spaces currently reserved for our Captains.

In addition, effective January 2024 and ongoing, the individuals selected as Officer of the Month will also be awarded 1 additional bonus day (C/T day) for their outstanding efforts.

Congratulations and thank you to Officer Polonia for a job well done.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christopher P. Reddy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Christopher P. Reddy
Chief of Police

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