

Alliance for Downtown New York

Office of Public Safety

2005 Award Ceremony

Public Safety Officer Stephen Lefkowitz

On January 29, 2005 at 1527 hours Security Officer Lefkowitz observed an elderly female lying on the ground, at Gold and Fulton Street, bleeding heavily from a head wound. The female informed him that she had fallen and injured herself. Not wanting to inconvenience medical personnel, she refused to await arrival of an ambulance and wanted to walk the 2 blocks to the hospital. S/O Lefkowitz notified dispatch and in an effort to keep her calm, escorted her to NYU Downtown Hospital and remained with her until she received treatment for her injuries.

Supervisor Donnell Stevens

On March 25, 2005 at 1310 hours Supervisor Stevens responded to the Path Train Station, at the WTC site, where a separated child was in the custody of a security officer. Upon arrival at the scene he was informed that the child and her mother were participating in the "Way of the Cross March", and had become separated. Supervisor Stevens realizing that the end of the march was at St. Peter's Church notified dispatcher and proceeded with the child to that location. At the Church he was able to locate the child's mother and reunited them.

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On April 17, 2005 at 1755 hours SO Lefkowitz responded to Gold and Fulton streets for an EDP. Upon arrival at the scene SO Lefkowitz observed the EDP threatening passersby with a sharpened wooden stick and while doing so did accidentally jab a pedestrian in the shoulder. The pedestrian went after the EDT and SO Lefkowitz stepped in and prevented the fight. The pedestrian, who was not seriously injured, departed. SO Lefkowitz notified dispatch and requested NYPD. The homeless individual continued his disorderly behavior and upon arrival of NYPD was taken into custody and removed via ambulance to NYU Downtown Hospital.

Public Safety Officer Dimitri Keaton

On May 9, 2005 at 1530 hours Security Officer Keaton observed a homeless male yelling at and pushing pedestrians in front of 29 Nassau Street. One of the pedestrians retaliated by pushing the homeless male resulting in an altercation. The homeless male pulled a metal object from his bag and threatened the pedestrian. SO Keaton notified dispatch and requested NYPD while yelling at the homeless individual to desist. NYPD and EMS arrived and removed the male to Bellevue Hospital for observation. S/O Keaton's actions prevented this incident from escalating to a more serious altercation.

Supervisor Marcus Knight **Public Safety Officer Wisdom Carson**

On May 11, 2005 at 1740 hours Supervisor Knight was approaching Fulton & Nassau streets when he observed 2 groups of teenagers engaging in an altercation. One group fled with the other in pursuit. A fight ensued and 2 of the males were beaten unconscious. Police and EMS responded to the scene and no arrests were made. The two injured males were treated at the scene.

On May 13, 2005 at 1500 hours SO Carson notified dispatch that a large group of teenagers were once again gathering at Fulton and Nassau Streets. As Supervisor Knight approached, he realized that this was the same group that had engaged in the altercation two days earlier. Supervisor Knight notified dispatch and requested police. Within two minutes members of the 1st Pct. Scooter Task Force arrived, engaged the group in conversation and they dispersed without incident.

Public Safety Officer Alex Rodriguez **Supervisor Marcus Knight**

On May 20, 2005 at 1200 hours SO Rodriguez was approached at Broad St. by a female who informed him that she was being stalked by her ex-boyfriend and was in fear of her safety. Supervisor Knight responded to the scene and in the belief that the ex-boyfriend had departed, drove the female to her place of employment at 55 Water St. SO Rodriguez notified Supv Knight, via radio, that the ex-boyfriend was now at Hanover Square and Water Street. Supv. Knight who was at 55 Water St instructed building security to call for NYPD. SO Rodriguez approached 2 officers from the 7th Pct. who took the male into custody. Police officers found the male to be in possession of a hammer and further investigation revealed an outstanding warrant. The male was placed under arrest.

Public Safety Officer Jose Matias

On May 23, 2005 at 0923 hours, PSO Matias was patrolling Bowling Green Park when he observed a male strike a female. The female looked at PSO Matias and asked him to call the police while the male held her by the arm and continued to walk north on Broadway. PSO Matias alerted dispatch and followed the couple. Members of the NYPD Scooter Task force responded and intercepted the couple at Exchange and Broadway. The police calmed the situation, and the female, who was not injured, refused to press charges.

Supervisor Rosa Williams

On June 26, 2005 at 0130 hours, Supervisor Williams was patrolling Front and Wall St when she observed a male who fit the description of a male wanted in several cell phone store burglaries pushing a cart. She notified dispatch and requested police. While awaiting PD response, 2 NYPD plainclothes officers approached Supv. Williams and explained that they had the male under surveillance and asked her to leave the area, Supervisor Williams complied. At about 0230 she observed the same male at Liberty & Broadway and observed no police presence. Several minutes later she came upon the plainclothes officers and informed them of the male's location. At 0300 the officers waved her down, thanked her for her assistance and informed her that they had arrested the male for a burglary of the Panini café located at Trinity and Cedar.

Public Safety Officer Angel Valle

On August 1, 2005 at 1250 hours, PSO Valle observed a male with a video camera taking pictures of the building at 75 Wall St. The male was standing next to the open passenger door of a green Blazer that was parked on Water & Wall streets with the engine running and the driver behind the wheel. The male with the camera seemed suspicious and nervous. As PSO Valle approached him, the male with the camera stopped filming and rapidly entered the vehicle. PSO Valle obtained the license plate number of the vehicle and notified dispatch to call NYPD. Several pedestrians approached PSO Valle discussing the suspicious actions of these individuals. NYPD responded and PSO Valle passed on all of the information he had obtained. An investigation was conducted by NYPD.

Public Safety Officer Lesley Alvarez

On September 21, 2005 at 1830 hours, PSO Alvarez observed 2 males fighting in front of 19 Rector Street. Officer Alvarez notified dispatch and requested police. Officer Alvarez attempted to calm the situation, but had to wait for police intervention. Investigation revealed that the individuals were known to each other and had been drinking. One of the males had a verbal altercation in a neighborhood bar and decided to break store windows; his friend was trying to prevent him from doing so. Police calmed the situation and all parties departed.

Public Safety Officer Shawn Soto

On November 8, 2005 at 1255 hours, PSO Soto was informed that there was a large container of grease discarded in front of Koyzina café , located at Cedar & William St. PSO Soto entered the restaurant and inquired as to the ownership of the container. At first they denied ownership. When informed that this matter would be fully investigated, a café employee exited the store, with PSO Soto, inspected the container and admitted that it was a mistake; it is their container. The employee returned the container to the café for proper disposal.