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De Pere detective sergeant honored for illustrious career in child crimes

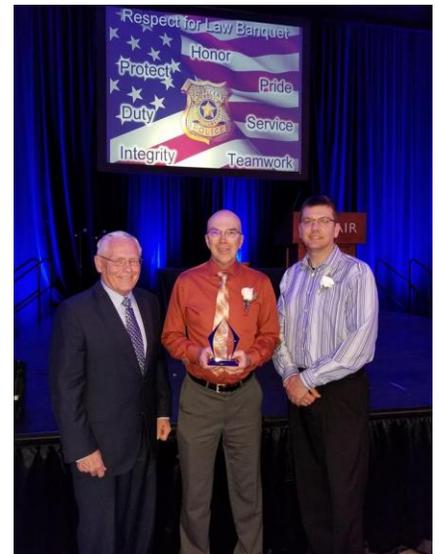
De Pere, WI: Thomas Schrank, a longtime member of De Pere Police Department, has dedicated much of his career to investigating crimes against children and other sensitive issues.

For these efforts and more, he recently was honored May 11 at a Respect for Law Banquet, hosted by the Green Bay Preble Optimist Club. One officer was honored from each of the 10 law enforcement agencies in Brown County.

Now serving in the role of detective sergeant, Schrank first joined the De Pere Police Department in 2001 as an investigator of crimes against children.

Prior to his arrival in De Pere, he first started his career in law enforcement nearly four decades ago in 1981. He spent 20 years with the Marquette County Sheriff Office (MCSD), starting as a jailer/dispatcher, then becoming a deputy and eventually a Detective Sergeant. While at MCSD, he did school programs and started his initial years in sensitive crime investigation and specialized in crimes against children.

“Tom continually shoulders an arduous case load but maintains quality standards,” said De Pere Police Chief Derek Beiderwieden. “This high level of excellence is especially apparent in his investigations of child victims, some stories of which are purely heart wrenching. His longtime service in this area is particularly commendable, and his service to our community is greatly appreciated.”



Overall, during his illustrious career in law enforcement, Detective Sergeant Schrank has acquired a diverse, wide-spread skill set. This includes knowledge in interviewing techniques, death investigations, arson investigations, forensic interviewing of children, sexual assault nurse examiner training, basic SWAT training, child homicide investigations, shaken baby investigations, child abuse/neglect, surveillance and numerous other important facets of law enforcement. He has also trained as a mediator - specifically divorce mediation - along with general mediation. He uses those skills often during case investigations, bringing a different perspective and tact when dealing with situations.

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Photo caption: De Pere Detective Sergeant Thomas Schrank (middle) receives a special award of recognition May 11 at a Respect for Law Banquet, hosted by the Green Bay Preble Optimist Club. Accompanying Schrank were De Pere Mayor Michael Walsh (left) and Captain Chad Opicka (right).