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Patrolman Fred Fuldauer
Patrolman Marilyn Satterfield

Mentor Police Department

The Jorge Medina Distinguished Service Award is often looked at as an award to recognize an individual act of heroism. However, as a service award, programs which demonstrate the commitment of officers, the effect on the quality of life of a group of citizens, and the overall good to the community, are also deemed worthy of consideration by the awards committee.

Such was the case in 1993. The Mentor Police Department Crime Prevention Unit which was arguably the most recognized, innovative, and highly regarded units in Lake County. The unit which was initiated on a part time basis during the late 1970's, eventually involved into a full time endeavor for two Mentor police officers. Not only was the commitment of the officers evident, but also that of the police and city administration in devoting the resources needed to support the unit.

Mentor Police Chief Richard Amiott so recognized the importance of the work done by this unit, and its value to the citizens of the City of Mentor, that he nominated Officers Fred Fuldauer and Marilyn Satterfield for consideration of the awards committee.

In his letter of nomination, Chief Amiott stated, "both officers worked closely with the citizens of Mentor in an effort to increase public awareness, and promote their active involvement in crime prevention programs."

Amiott noted that the officers had conducted more than 140 programs, worked with block watches, school and senior citizen groups.

These officers "exemplify the personal qualities, moral character, and strong community commitment" that allowed the Mentor Crime Prevention Unit and its programs to be held in high esteem, not only locally but statewide.

The Blue Coats accepted Amiott's nomination, and awarded Officers Fuldauer and Satterfield the Jorge Medina Outstanding Service Award on February 2, 1994 at Hellriegel's Inn.

Patrolman Satterfield retired from the Mentor Police Crime Department and currently works part time as a deputy with the Geauga County Sheriff

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Patrolman Fuldauer had retired from the department, and then returned in a civilian position as the Property and Evidence Manager. Fred passed away on February 23, 2004, at the age of 59.