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SUBJECT: 2020 People of the Year Award Recipients

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2020 People of the Year Award Recipients

Four individuals within the Duluth Police Department will be awarded the 2020 People of the Year Award that's chosen by their peers. This award will be presented during an online ceremony that will be live-streamed via the Duluth Police Department's Facebook page. The ceremony will be live-streamed Friday, November 19 at 10 a.m. You are encouraged to watch and help us celebrate and honor these four individuals for their continued hard work and dedication.

The four staff members receiving the award include Maya Carroll, Todd Shermer, Kerry Cronin, and Matthew Nevanen. They'll be featured throughout the week on the Duluth Police Department's social media pages.

Award Recipients:

Maya Carroll, Supervisor of the Year

Maya Carroll is awarded the 2020 Supervisor of the Year by her peers. Carroll is the Duluth Police Department's Records and Technology Supervisor. In this role, she manages the Department's Criminal Analysts and Records staff who provide support to Patrol and Investigations so they can focus on responding to calls and investigating cases. Her peers say "Maya is a great supervisor, and an even better human being. The Department is lucky to have her!"

Todd Shermer, Officer of the Year

Todd Shermer is awarded as the 2020 Officer of the Year by his peers. Officer Shermer recently retired from the Duluth Police Department as a Patrol Officer. In this role, he was assigned to the West Duluth District. Officer Shermer found that using humor was one of the ways that he was able to connect with his workmates and the community. His peers say "Todd is, without a doubt, the most dedicated and dependable officer we have."

Kerry Cronin, Civilian of the Year

Kerry Cronin is awarded as the 2020 Civilian of the Year by her peers. Cronin is the Duluth Police Department's Budget and Grants Analyst. In this position, Cronin is responsible for the oversight of the Police Department's general fund budget as well as applying for and managing State and Federal grants. She has been extremely successful in acquiring significant, critical funding for the police department. Her peers say, "Kerry is a team player and an invaluable asset for the Duluth Police Department."

Matthew Nevanen, Investigator of the Year

Matthew Nevanen is awarded the 2020 Investigator of the Year by his peers. Officer Nevanen is a member of the Lake Superior Drug and Violent Crime Task Force. In this role, Officer Nevanen participates in local and regional drug and violent crime investigations. He often times plays key roles in the prosecution of high-level offenders. His peers say, "Matt is an outstanding investigator, an integral part of our team, and very deserving of this award and recognition."

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