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SUBJECT: EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – AUGUST 2020

I am pleased to acknowledge the selection of **Sergeant Gina Dascola** as Employee of the Month for August 2020.

This past Monday, the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office effectively conducted the first virtual Sheriff Sale in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Although the planning and execution of such an accomplishment was a compilation of work performed by multiple employees, this feat would not have been plausible without Sergeant Dascola, who spearheaded, organized and worked relentlessly to make it happen.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sheriff's Office was not only required to cancel four monthly Sheriff Sales, our agency was pressed to establish an alternative to hosting sales in the courthouse, in effort to comply with social distancing guidelines. Once it was determined that the Sheriff's Office would have to adopt an online approach to conducting the sales, Sergeant Dascola quickly began breaking down this immense task, dividing the job into segments, completing each step in necessary succession. Sergeant Dascola was first required to research and weigh a variety of different online platforms that could enable the Sheriff's Office to host the sale. It was essential our agency properly accommodate several hundred bidders with an efficient and user-friendly process, so that properties could be presented, and participants were furnished the ability to place bids in real time.

After cementing procedures and finalizing the operating system, Sergeant Dascola performed multiple test runs during the month of July. Several attorneys and Sheriff's Office employees participated in these trials, each yielding new challenges that Sergeant Dascola and her team had to troubleshoot and rectify. On August 3, 2020, the first, official virtual Sheriff Sale was conducted. Sergeant Dascola not only welcomed 500 online bidders to the process, she organized the in-person arm of the sale, where up to 25 individuals could socially distance themselves in the Gold Room to participate. This required Sergeant Dascola to direct and work with teams of sworn and civilian employees, all assigned to ensure all different aspects of the sale ran proficiently.

Once the over five-hour sale culminated, the Sheriff's Office was lauded for its efforts and Sergeant Dascola, in particular, was recognized by citizens and attorneys for leading the sale so competently. In recognition of her patience, tenacity, excellent supervision, hard work and dedication, Sergeant Dascola will be granted one full day off work, as long as no overtime is incurred. Please join me in congratulating Sergeant Dascola on a job well done!