

**Greensboro Police Officers Awarded Superior Service Bar**

The officers exceed what is normally required for their patrol through Greensboro's Center City Park.

Greensboro, NC -- Ten Greensboro Police Officers will receive a Superior Service Bar this week, for their work patrolling Center City Park.

The officers are members of the Center City Resource Team. They include Sgt. Stephen Hunter, Cpls. Arthur Hollis, Kenneth Johnson, Officers Marc Gonzalez, Julius Tunstall, Danny Combs, Timothy Tepedino, Matthew Menshew, Paula Domitrovits and Ryan Todd.

They patrol the park and downtown on bike. They have adopted the city's homeless citizens, and implemented ways to offer them assistance.

They work with downtown agencies that receive donations, to provide food, blankets and shoes to the homeless.

"In the winter months a lot of people stay off the street, but the homeless are still out here," said Officer Timothy Tepedino. "With the weather getting cold, we try to see if there's anything we can do to help. We tell em there's a lot of help out there for you, come to us and we'd be glad to help you," he said.

The officers also offer information about services available for homeless individuals.

Police Department and Greensboro Merchants Association leaders say the officers actions distinguish them from other members performing comparable duties and exceeds what is normally required or expected. Leaders say their actions contribute to the goals of the department and the profession of law enforcement.

Officer Tepedino advises anyone approached by a homeless person give information about assistance services rather than money. Tepedino says giving money is a temporary solution and only keeps homeless people on the streets longer.

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