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Greenbelt Police honor 2021 Officer and Professional Staff Member of the Year

GREENBELT, MD- Officer Ryan Aud receives Officer of the Year and Communication Specialist Sarah Gignac receives Civilian of the Year for 2022 at the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 Annual Public Safety Awards.

Police First Class Officer Ryan Aud's positive attitude, ambition, strong work ethic and dependability makes him Officer of the Year for 2022. PFC Aud is well liked by both his co-workers and the public he serves. He is always in a good mood, is approachable and is engaging around his peers. PFC Aud's positive attitude carries over to his interactions with the public. Look no further than the comments and pictures of PFC Aud during the Labor Day Festival to see his dedication to community engagement. PFC Aud spends what little free time he has on a shift often engaging with the youth at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, playing basketball and running a mock physical fitness test. Statistically, PFC Aud conducts an above average amount of traffic stops. His proactive approach to traffic enforcement and police work earned him a part-time position in the departments Special Assignment Team. PFC Aud has shown numerous examples of leadership during his time field training new officers and taking on the daunting responsibility of reactivating the department Emergency Response Unit. The leadership qualities that PFC Aud embraces will continue to make him an invaluable member of this department.

Sarah Gignac is Civilian of the Year for her exceptional work in communications, her ability to multitask has led to the apprehension of several felony suspects, speaking with the caller and dispatching officers and providing them with information from the caller in real time. Gignac plays a critical role on the midnight shift, often handling all of the responsibilities of both call-taking and dispatch simultaneously. She uses the CAD to its fullest ability, monitoring the calls for both police in surrounding areas and fire within the city and surrounding areas where police may be needed and gets patrol started early, often before GPD assistance is formally requested. Additionally, Specialist Gignac trains new communication specialists. She is highly respected within the department and works well with everyone. Gignac is a true asset to the Greenbelt Police Department and we are lucky to have her.

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