

**Complimentary  
Letters and Awards**

**March 2017**

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Chief Frank Kaminski  
Park Ridge Police Department  
200 Vine Street  
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Dear Chief Kaminski,

They say it takes a village to raise a child and I believe that saying to be true. I am writing you to commend and give our appreciation to three terrific officers who stepped up professionally, respectfully and compassionately with our 15-year-old son. Teenage time is a time of growing, learning, seeking independence and sometimes rebelling against parental authority.

We are trying to get our son to be more responsible, accountable, independent, wake up on time, catch the school bus, do homework and be accountable for the natural consequences, if he does not. On Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 0900, my teenage son was refusing to take the bus to school and, at the direction of his counselor, we were advised to call the Truant Officer so that my son will be responsible for his actions and subsequent consequences. With no actual "Truant Officer" available, our call was directed to the Park Ridge Police Department and that is when two awesome police officers showed up at our door, Officers Kristen Abbinante and Matt McGannon.

These two officers spoke with our son professionally, respectfully, honestly and compassionately and my son listened to what they had to say. My son went to school with a greatly improved attitude because 1) two awesome officers intervened and talked to him in a way that got through to him, and 2)

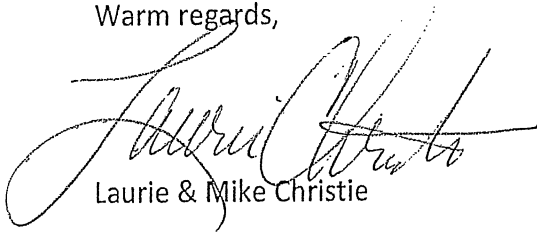


My son was shocked that we followed through to call the authorities if he did not go to school. (25) The officers also contacted my son's High School Officer, Tony Raitano, who reached out to us personally by phone and then kindly talked with my son at school that day encouraging him to do well and to reach out to him if he was having a hard time. Each officer really impressed us so much and reinforced why we are so happy to be raising our family in Park Ridge.

Due to my son's positive and respectful interaction with these officers, he is now interested in joining The Park Ridge Police Department Explorers Program. My son now feels that police officers are very "cool" (which they are) and now has an interest himself learning more about law enforcement. So, if that professional baseball player dream job my son is hoping for does not pan out, a potential job in law enforcement may be on the horizon!

Again, please thank these wonderful officers on behalf of our family because they made a positive difference for my son, supported us as parents, and we are very appreciative of their efforts.

Warm regards,



Laurie & Mike Christie

cc: Officers Abbinante, McGannon and Raitano



## Kaminski, Frank

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**From:** Jogmen, Louis  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 10:17 AM  
**To:** 'ed@ilchiefs.org'; 'SCasstevens@vbg.org'; 'jblack@crystallake.org'  
**Cc:** Kaminski, Frank  
**Subject:** FW: National Safety Council Green Cross for Safety Award Finalist Information

All,

I received this email yesterday. I am quite honored to even have been considered for this and in a bit of disbelief. The credit for our success truly belongs to the ILACP and, more specifically, to the members of the Traffic Safety Committee. But a nice gesture nonetheless.

I am proud of the committee's efforts and am excited to see that the ILACP is being recognized nationally for our work in traffic safety here in Illinois.

Lou

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**From:** NSCPresident [<mailto:NSCPresident@nsc.org>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 06, 2017 3:39 PM  
**To:** Jogmen, Louis <[LJogmen@parkridgepolice.org](mailto:LJogmen@parkridgepolice.org)>  
**Subject:** National Safety Council Green Cross for Safety Award Finalist Information

Dear Mr. Jogmen:

Congratulations! You have been nominated for the Green Cross for Safety Advocate Award by Joe Vertone, and I am pleased to announce your selection as a finalist. The Green Cross for Safety Awards are presented to those individuals and organizations who show a true commitment to safety and whose work aligns with the vision of the National Safety Council: eliminating preventable deaths in our lifetime.

We received 13 nominations in the Advocate Award category. Each submission was reviewed based on the narrative and supporting data provided and benchmarked against the other submissions in that category. Only the strongest three submissions were recommended as finalists.

The 2017 Award winners will be announced at our Green Cross for Safety Gala on Thursday, May 25, 2017, at Loews Coronado Bay, San Diego. All finalists will be recognized during the Gala and in the coming year through our website and other Green Cross for Safety Award materials. As a finalist, you will receive two complimentary tickets to the Gala. Instructions for registering as a finalist and information on additional tickets your organization may choose to purchase are included in the [Next Steps document](#). If you need any assistance, please contact Sarah Van Huis at [sarah.vanhuis@nsc.org](mailto:sarah.vanhuis@nsc.org).

Thank you for your dedication to safety and your commitment to eliminating preventable deaths.

I look forward to seeing you in May,

Debbie

Deborah A.P. Hersman  
President & CEO  
National Safety Council

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[nsc.org](http://nsc.org)

## Kaminski, Frank

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**From:** Courtney Dayno <noreply@parkridge.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2017 1:59 PM  
**To:** Kaminski, Frank  
**Subject:** Commending Office Hector Cruz

Dear Chief Kaminski,

I am writing to commend Officer Hector Cruz. I was stopped on the side of the road in Chicago with a flat tire and he pulled over and offered to help. I was hesitant to accept help from a stranger until he identified himself as an off-duty police officer. He changed the tire for me and had me back safely on the road. I appreciated him taking the time to stop when he was off-duty and I wanted to let you know that I think he is a great reflection of the high quality of your department.

Sincerely,

Courtney Dayno

Sent on: 3/13/2017 1:58:59 PM

Reply to: [cdayno@gmail.com](mailto:cdayno@gmail.com)

COMPLIMENT

The Park Ridge Police Department is committed to the recognition of outstanding service to the community by its employees. This form provides you the opportunity to make the department aware of the excellent work performed by one of its employees.

If you wish to commend an employee, please provide the following information and be as complete as possible. We appreciate your comments.

Employee's name: Dr. McBanon

Date of Service provided: 3/16/17

Type of Service provided: Response to Disturbance

Complaint No: 17-00038995 (Event)

Brief summary of actions to be commended:

M. Biskupski from J. Schultz School called the Department thanking the officer for handling the threatening uncooperative student calmly & professionally

Your name: M. Biskupski

Your address: 2101 Oakton

Your phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

After completing this form, turn it in at the Police Department front desk or mail it to: Park Ridge Police Department, 200 South Vine Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068. This information will be forwarded to the Chief of Police; the employee will be officially commended.

COMPLAINT

It is the intent of the Park Ridge Police Department to provide the highest quality law enforcement services.

It is the policy of the Park Ridge Police Department to promptly investigate allegations of wrongdoing by department members and to take appropriate action as to discipline, policy change or exoneration.

Generally, a complaint originates when someone is dissatisfied with our performance. The complaint may help the department recognize and ultimately rectify a deficiency.

HOW DO I INITIATE A COMPLAINT AGAINST AN OFFICER?

A complaint may be initiated in person, by telephone, or in writing. Complaints can be filed 24 hours a day with the Watch Supervisor or other supervisor, if available.

IF I AM UNDER 18 YEARS OLD, DO I HAVE A RIGHT TO FILE A COMPLAINT?

Yes. However, a parent, legal guardian, or a responsible adult should be present with you.

MUST I GIVE MY NAME TO FILE A COMPLAINT?

No. However, anonymous complaints can be very difficult to investigate and thus the conclusion might not be what is expected. Also, if the investigation results in criminal action against an officer, you would be needed for successful prosecution.

WILL THE OFFICER KNOW THAT I HAVE MADE A COMPLAINT?

Yes, the officer will be advised of the allegations made against him or her. If the complainant has identified himself, the identity of the person making the allegation will be provided to the officer.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INVESTIGATING THE COMPLAINT?

The Chief of Police is responsible for the administration of these investigations. In most cases, a police supervisor conducts the actual investigative work. However, the Department also utilizes a private contractor to investigate more serious allegations of misconduct against an employee.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE OFFICER?

If the investigation determines misconduct has occurred, the officer will be disciplined according to the severity of the rules violation. Disciplinary actions range from an oral reprimand to suspension, or in extreme cases, termination. If the allegation is criminal in nature, the case will be presented for criminal prosecution. Other appropriate remedies include policy change and retraining.

March 28, 2017

Chief Frank Kaminski  
Park Ridge Police Department  
200 Vine Avenue  
Park Ridge IL 60068-6000

Re: Office K. Ryan

Dear Chief,

Yesterday I was involved in a minor car accident on Touhy Avenue near Whole Foods. Fortunately, no one was hurt.

I just wanted to pass on the Office Ryan was extremely personable & professional in handling the incident. He got us on our way as soon as possible and provided detailed documentation and information to help with my insurance claim. I really appreciate his attitude and think that he is a great representative of your department.

With respect,



John Hasemeyer  
256 Hawk Court  
Schaumburg IL 60193



## Kaminski, Frank

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**From:** Teri Collins <TCollins@mcyaf.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 11:47 PM  
**To:** Raitano, Anthony  
**Cc:** 'Shawn Messmer'; 'Ken Wallace'; Kaminski, Frank  
**Subject:** Thank You!

Tony,  
Thank you so much for giving up your free time to participate in a MCYAF talk tonight on vaping. It was a great turnout and our district parents enjoyed hearing you share your expertise with them.  
It was a great idea to invite Shillea to come with her parents. She and Dan added a much needed student insight to the panel.  
Your dedication to our students is very much appreciated and valued! Great job!  
Best,  
Teri

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