

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Jeanne or David Buddingh
Buddingh & Associates, Inc.
[\(630\) 961-4504](tel:6309614504)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CAPS Event Honors Local Officers Going Beyond Call of Duty

(Naperville, IL - May 20, 2013) The Naperville Police Department held their annual CAPS Awards on May 16 to honor safety personnel for their contributions to the City of Naperville. Several awards were given out during the ceremony including the George Pradel Award, which was awarded to Officer James Sakelakos.

The George Pradel Award is bestowed to a police department employee whose performance not only exceeds the standard, but also epitomizes the heart and spirit of a public servant by going above and beyond in the delivery of service to the community. The recipient embodies that dedication and commitment which came to symbolize the award's name sake, Mayor A. George Pradel, during his nearly three decades of service to the citizens of Naperville as a police officer.

The award was presented to Officer Sakelakos by its namesake, Mayor George Pradel.

Other awards given out include:

- **Chief's Commendation** - Officer Martin Creighton and Detective Michael Caruso
- **Meritorious Unit Award** - Animal Control Unit (Supervisor Joanne Aul, Animal Control Officers Cynthia Bickle, Julie Kincade and Christine Maybach)
- **Medal of Distinguished Service** - Custodian Michael Kerr
- **Enterprise Policing Award** - Detective James Tanksley
- **Life Saving Award** - Officer Jeffrey Lizik

The family-oriented event honoring nominees was held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, at Meson Sebika, featured police vehicles staged outside in the parking lot, and music from Naperville North High School musicians.

Citizens Appreciate Public Safety (CAPS) is a Naperville community group that recognizes public safety personnel for their contributions to the City of Naperville. Each year, Naperville residents are asked to nominate police and fire department employees who have displayed an interest in Naperville's residents in a manner above and beyond the call of duty and exhibited a genuine concern for the welfare and well being of all Naperville citizens.

The Fire Department will host their CAPS Awards in October.

Naperville Police Department
1350 Aurora Avenue
Naperville 60540
www.NapervilleCAPS.com

###