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“Awards Given at City of Norfolk Annual Luncheon”



Fritz Krause, City of Norfolk Equipment Operator



Jeanie Kester, City of Norfolk Legal Assistant



Bobbi Risor, City of Norfolk Firefighter/Paramedic



City of Norfolk Police Officer Ricky Martinez

Fritz Krause, Jeanie Kester, Bobbi Risor and Ricky Martinez were recognized with Employee Excellence Awards at the recent Annual City of Norfolk Employee Appreciation Luncheon held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Norfolk.

Fritz Krause, Equipment Operator with the City Street Division, has worked for the City for 23 years. He was nominated for the award by Jim Dooley, City Operations Manager, for taking the lead on projects and serving as a mentor in the Street Division.

“Fritz’s commitment and hard work ethic is undeniable. He is skillful at his job whether it’s painting roadways or managing snow equipment and takes the time to teach those skills to younger co-workers. He gets the job done,” Dooley said in Krause’s nomination for the award.

Jeanie Kester is a Legal Assistant for City Attorney Clint Schukei. In Schukei’s award nomination for Kester, he noted that she has a “keen eye for detail” and has her hand in “nearly every agreement, contract, memorandum of understanding, ordinance, resolution, pleading, real estate closing document, brief or various other civil legal document of the City.” She has been with the City for 22 years.

Ricky Martinez has been a police officer for the City of Norfolk for only two years yet has already made an significant impact in the Police Division. Chief Bill Mizner nominated him for this year’s Employee Excellence Award.

“Officer Martinez is an excellent officer who serves as a role model for how the job should be performed. He isn’t just a traffic or DUI specialist but excels in all aspects of his duties. He was involved in at least two lifesaving actions in the past year. In both instances, he found the victims unresponsive and not breathing and provided CPR until Rescue arrived. Both subjects survived,” Chief Mizner wrote as part of the nomination.

Bobbi Risor has been a Firefighter/Paramedic for the City of Norfolk for 13 years. She was nominated for the Employee Excellence Award by Fire Chief Scott Cordes.

Cordes in his nomination letter to City Administrator Shane Weidner: “As a Firefighter, Bobbi provides a consistent, steady, unwavering contribution to quality customer service for Norfolk citizens. What has set her apart this year is the role she has taken on in support of the Prevention Bureau. Many times after her 24 hour shift, she runs home, changes clothes and returns to cover the office for an employee there who has had health issues. This commitment of time and energy has allowed a critical element of our operation to continue.”



Nearly 150 City employees were joined by Mayor Sue Fuchtman and several City Council members who attended this year's banquet. Special recognition was given to employees who had reached milestones at the City including three people who have been employed by the City for 40 years. They are Larry Cloeter, Engineering Division; Dennis Smith, Public Works Director and Mike Nuttelmann, Water Division.

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Larry Cloeter, Engineering Division;
and Shane Weidner, City
Administrator