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Sergeant Kalinowski Receives 40 Under 40 Award

Gurnee – The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) recognizes Sergeant Jason Kalinowski as a recipient of the 40 Under 40 Award for 2022. The annual award is presented to individuals who demonstrate leadership and exemplify a deep commitment to the police profession. This year's awards ceremony will be held on October 17, 2022, in Dallas, Texas, during the IACP Annual Conference.

Sergeant Kalinowski's passion for law enforcement began at a young age when he was four years old. His family experienced a traumatic home invasion at their Chicagoland apartment, prompting a police response. Police officers arrived and provided his family with a calming, protective presence during their time of need. That feeling remained with him as he grew up and pursued his dream to become a police officer. For the past 16 years, Sergeant Kalinowski has positively impacted the community through service and charity.

Providing mentorship to new officers and strengthening community relationships inspires Sergeant Kalinowski as an officer. In 2021, he volunteered for a new officer recruitment program that helps mentor new officers through the hiring process. Sergeant Kalinowski acts as a personal liaison to the recruits and makes himself available, whether on or off duty, to answer questions and reduce the stress induced during the hiring process. His efforts reinforce the significance of building relationships and the genuine passion the Gurnee Police Department has for hiring exceptional officers who will continue to hold themselves to the highest standards.

Sergeant Kalinowski is most notably known for his outgoing personality and honest desire to serve others. During his time with the Gurnee Police Department, he has served as the President of the Gurnee FOP and volunteered his time for local and state charities, including the Gurnee Turkey Trot (charity run), Gurnee Shop with a Cop, Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run, and Illinois Cop on a Rooftop. To date, Sergeant Kalinowski has helped raise nearly \$140,000 for these charities and other service projects. Additionally, in 2018, Sergeant Kalinowski received the Gurnee Police Department Community Impact Award for his dedication to building relationships and positively impacting the community. In 2022, the VFW awarded Sergeant Kalinowski with the Public Service Award for his commitment to



community service. The VFW award qualifies him for consideration to receive a national award from the organization.

Chief Brian Smith went on to say, "I would like to thank the International Chiefs of Police Association for recognizing and honoring such a worthy Police Patriot. Sergeant Jason Kalinowski is invested and committed to serving all who require assistance. Through his police and social lodge service, Sergeant Kalinowski consistently demonstrates leadership and exemplifies the heart of a public servant. He has an extremely bright and unlimited future in policing. Our profession and community are blessed and fortunate to have him serving us."

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