



David Wessling, left, and Ralph Huff, right, received recognition during a recent West Carrollton city council meeting.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES TWO EMPLOYEES

WEST CARROLLTON, Ohio – Two members of the West Carrollton police department were recently nominated by their peers for special recognition.

Police officer David Wessling received the 2006 Employee of the Year Award and Ralph Huff, a special services officer, received an Exemplary Service Award during the West Carrollton city council meeting on Tuesday, April 10.

Wessling, a police officer in West Carrollton since February 2001, was recognized for his role in resolving a 2006 Speedway robbery case, as well as being the coordinator of digital photographic evidence preservation. Wessling also serves on bike patrol and as an officer-in-charge when sergeants are not on duty.

Another duty, which Wessling said is one of his favorite parts of the job, is serving as one of the department's four motor vehicle crash reconstructionists.

“Being able to meet new people and helping to solve problems,” are his reasons for serving as a police officer, Wessling said.

“He’s very deserving of this award,” said Police Chief Rick Barnhart. “He was nominated by his peers which is a distinct honor,” he said.

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Ralph Huff, a civilian police department employee since June 2000, performs vehicle maintenance for the department's current fleet of 16 vehicles.

"He finds minor problems before they become major issues," Barnhart said. Huff also helps contain wild cats and performs various other tasks such as picking up warrants and paperwork at neighboring crime labs and courts.

"He always has a pleasant attitude and completes the assignments as quickly as possible," Barnhart said.

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For more information or media interviews, call **Chief Rick Barnhart, Ralph Huff** or **David Wessling** at the West Carrollton police department at (937) 847-4668.