



FORT WORTH
POLICE OFFICERS'
AWARD FOUNDATION

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**FORT WORTH POLICE OFFICERS' AWARD
FOUNDATION HONORS EXEMPLARY SERVICE; EVENT DECOMMISSIONING
COMMEMORATIVE PANTHER BADGE**

Fort Worth Officer Vincent Brown was named Officer of the Year for 2012 at a special dinner on Wednesday, June 5, 2013. The dinner was hosted by the Fort Worth Police Officers' Award Foundation and the Fort Worth Police Historical Association.

The dinner was held at Fort Worth's Omni Hotel, this is the 61st annual awards dinner. The Fort Worth Police Historical Association chose the evening to decommission the Police Department's commemorative Panther Badge.

The Officer of the Year was Officer Vincent Brown and Captain Bryan Sudan earned the Dwayne Freeto Service with Respect Award. Other officers honored as outstanding in their area of assignment, as well as nominees for each award, are:

Central Northwest Command – Robert Westbrook winner**

Officer Michael Byrd
Officer Mario Cabello
Officer Johnny Henderson
Officer Victor Hernandez

Southeast Command – Kyle Davis winner**

Officer Vincent Brown
Officer Aldo Castaneda
Officer Chad Kingston
Officer Douglas Lusty
Officer Nicholas Maddock
Officer Cesar Robles



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Specialized Units – Anthony Colter** winner

Officer Corey Autrey
Officer Jason Back
Detective Jerardo Cedillo
Officer Julie Cox
Officer Bryan Farmer
Officer Bel Haddad
Detective Jose Hernandez
Officer Michael Johnson
Officer Matthew McMeans
Officer Michael Moore
Officer Charles Simmons
Officer Christina Watson
Officer Sammy Webb
Officer Harlan Whitworth

Supervisor of the Year – Robert “Bob” Abbott** winner

Sergeant Gilbert Banda
Sergeant Matthew Davis
Sergeant Timothy Ellis
Sergeant Keith McGuire
Sergeant Tanya McMath
Sergeant Kenneth Stack
Sergeant Wade Walls

Commander of the Year – Robert Rangel** winner

Lieutenant Ty Hadsell
Lieutenant Julie Swearingin
Lieutenant Glenn Verrett

Officer Vincent Brown:

In March of 2012 Officer Vincent Brown, an NPO, noticed a trend in Burglary of a Habitation offenses occurring on his beat. A cat burglar was entering residences during the early morning with what was believed to be the intent to commit a sexually related offense. On March 21, 2012 at 0500 hours, the parents of a six (6) year old girl awakened to her screaming in her upstairs bedroom. Someone had placed something over her head and tried to choke her.

On March 28, 2012, a second offense occurred in the vicinity. A woman had just gotten out of the shower, when she heard the back door of her residence close. The victim then observed a



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man standing in her living room, exposing himself. The victim yelled out to her husband and the suspect fled the residence, jumping a back fence. Officer Brown and several other south Division NPOs canvassed the neighborhood, but were unable to uncover any workable leads. This officer discovered that other offenses had occurred in this neighborhood, but that police were not always called.

On 04/28/12, the suspect entered the residence of the initial offense location a second time. A woman awakened to a noise downstairs. She observed a person walking around with a flashlight. Believing that it was her son, the victim yelled and the suspect fled. Officer Brown conducted a follow up, but new leads were developed. During all of the previous offenses, the victims were unable to obtain a good description of the suspect.

On 06/30/12, woman found a subject standing in her living room. The victim screamed and the suspect fled. A window screen had been removed from her residence and placed in the yard of a neighbor by the suspect. Officer Brown collected prints from a window. On 01/27/13 a four year old child in the restroom observed a subject peeping into the bathroom window. The child informed her mother, who went to the bathroom to investigate. By the time the mother reached the bathroom, the subject was no longer there; however, when she went back into her living room she observed the suspect inside her living room. Upon seeing the child's mother, the suspect fled the residence. The victim in this offense provided a description of the suspect to the officers. Officer Brown canvassed the neighborhood and was advised of a person matching the description of the suspect. He followed the suspect, initiated a traffic stop, and discovered that that the suspect had no Driver's license or valid identification. This officer cash bonded the suspect for the traffic violations. He was fingerprinted and submitted a DNA sample. The suspect's prints matched the prints that were taken from the window. The suspect was interviewed and confessed to committing at least 30 Burglary offenses in this neighborhood.

Officer Brown worked countless hours and interviewed many residents in the neighborhood where the offenses occurred. The suspect was becoming more brazen in his actions during each of the burglaries and likely would have escalated his offenses. Officer Brown's determination and motivation to apprehend the suspect is exemplary.