



COMMUNITY HEROES AWARDS

Silent Observer will celebrate and recognize community members who go above and beyond keeping our community safe at their first annual **Community Heroes Awards Luncheon on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel at 11:30 a.m.**

There are HEROES among us who work tirelessly in fighting crime in their neighborhoods by standing up for what is right; collaborating with others, mentoring, assisting those in need, organizing neighborhoods and educating residents on good crime prevention practices. You are invited to nominate a crime-fighting hero to receive an award from Silent Observer created to recognize both law enforcement and civilians who have made significant contributions to safety and crime prevention. The nominee's efforts should be directed within the boundaries of Kent County.

Awards will be given in the following categories:

LAW ENFORCEMENT BRIDGE BUILDER AWARD

- Eligible candidates are persons working in the criminal justice system that have an extraordinary commitment to fighting crime, building bridges with community members and have gone above and beyond their duty to ensure community safety.

BUILDING STRONGER NEIGHBORHOODS AWARD

- Eligible candidates are individuals, groups, or organizations who have demonstrated exemplary volunteerism in the area of crime prevention and public safety, who work to break down barriers and build relationships between residents and law enforcement which ultimately has made our community safer.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE COMMUNITY AWARD

- Eligible candidates are those who are making significant contributions to their community through their time, actions, talents and dedication (outside any volunteer work done for their employer). The honoree selected should serve as a role model for compassion, and service and be striving to make the world a better place. He/ she should have a passion for helping others in his/her community and perhaps has gone over and above to help someone or advocated for someone in need.

NOMINATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED THAT FOCUS ON:

- Promoting positive perceptions of community safety
- Community building
- Active citizenship and participation
- Nominee's efforts took place in 2016 and/or 2017



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NOMINATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY OCTOBER 20, 2017

AWARDS GIVEN OUT DURING SILENT OBSERVER'S HEROES AWARDS LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

11:30 A.M. – 1 P.M.

PANTLIND BALLROOM, AMWAY GRAND PLAZA HOTEL

I NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING PERSON FOR THE AWARD (check one)

____ **LAW ENFORCEMENT BRIDGE BUILDER AWARD**

____ **BUILDING STRONGER NEIGHBORHOODS AWARD**

____ **MAKING A DIFFERENCE COMMUNITY AWARD**

Nominee's Name _____ Phone _____

Company (if employed) _____ Position _____

Address _____ Email _____

Please include your name and contact information (self-nominations are permitted)

Name of Person Making This Nomination _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

On a separate sheet of paper please include the following information:

- Pertinent/relevant biographical information regarding the actions that led up to the nomination.
- Describe how this individual has demonstrated being a Community Hero. Give as much detail and back up as possible.

**The Silent Observer Board of Directors will determine the winners*

Nominations for Silent Observer's Heroes Awards must be submitted via email at info@silentobserver.org or mailed to Silent Observer. PO Box 230321. Grand Rapids. MI. 49523 by October 20, 2017. Questions? Call Chris Cameron at 454.9110