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Commander Shultz to be Sworn In; Officer Johnson Honored

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, September 15, 2010 – Bainbridge Police Commander Sue Shultz will be sworn in during a special ceremony at the regular meeting of the City Council Wednesday, September 22. The swearing in is scheduled to occur at 7:05 pm.

Following the swearing in, Officer Dale Johnson will be presented with a lifesaving award for quick and responsive action above and beyond the call of duty. Officer Johnson was responsible for saving the life of a woman whose car burst into flames on Olympic Drive near the Police Station last month.

“Officer Johnson’s actions no doubt saved the life of the young driver of the vehicle,” said Chief of Police Jon Fehlman. “Realizing the danger the driver was in, Officer Johnson put himself at risk to determine a safe route away from the vehicle and electrical wires. He was able to help the driver from the vehicle and move her to safety moments before the vehicle was engulfed in flames.”

Commander Shultz was promoted from Police Lieutenant to Police Commander effective September 1st. Commander Shultz has been with the Police Department since April 2007. Prior to her employment with the Bainbridge Police Department, Commander Shultz was a detective with the Bremerton Police Department. The promotion makes Commander Shultz the highest ranking female officer in Kitsap County.

"We look forward to the opportunity to honor Commander Shultz for this significant achievement," said City Councilmember Hilary Franz.

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