



# BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

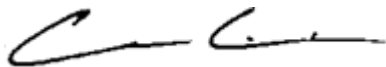
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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The BEST program began in January of 2021. It is employee recognition program principally based on a peer submission process. This new program was designed to increase the amount of recognition our employees receive for outstanding work and performance, to reward employees who demonstrate leadership, and to highlight the “BEST” our department has to offer. We are proud to announce that Officer Dave Rohon has been selected as the program’s first “Employee of the Quarter,” and it is well deserved. Officer Rohon demonstrated everything we expect of our officers, including efforts to reduce crime & traffic crashes, community engagement, and officer safety and wellness. A brief write-up of some of the notable work Officer Rohon was involved with during the first quarter of 2021 is attached.



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# BEST PROGRAM

## EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

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Officer Dave Rohon has been with the Berlin Police Department for almost seven years. He came to us after serving twenty-one years with the New Britain Police Department and retired holding the rank of sergeant. Officer Rohon has extensive experience as an investigator. During his career with New Britain he worked as detective and later supervised their Detective Bureau. Officer Rohon recently completed a four-year assignment as an acting detective in Berlin and is currently assigned to our Operations Division. Outlined below is some of the notable work Officer Rohon was involved with during the first quarter of 2021.

While assisting the CT State Police with a call on route 9, Officer Rohon was assaulted by an offender suspected of being under the influence of drugs (PCP). Officer Rohon used appropriate force (OC spray) to control the non-compliant individual and did so without causing injury to himself, the offender, or other officers that were present. Subsequent to the arrest, the offender proceeded to throw blood at Officer Rohon while he tried to finish the arrest process. During the entire encounter, and under extremely difficult circumstances, Officer Rohon handled himself like a true professional.

Officer Rohon investigated a call involving a victim who had a knife held to their neck by a masked offender. Officer Rohon's work on the case led to the arrest of the offender for charges that included reckless endangerment and possession of a dangerous weapon.

Officer Rohon was assigned to investigate a loud noise complaint that was emanating from a group of kids outside on a cul de sac. Officer Rohon turned the encounter into a positive one, tossing around the football and letting them take some pictures near his police cruiser.