

May 2009 Employee Salutes

“Salute” awards are presented to employees who go the extra mile in their roles within Chesley Brown International. We recognize many actions performed by officers in the normal course of a day go unnoticed. The following were recognized in this month’s Chairman’s Chat:

At approximately 0245 on May 2nd, there was a shooting in the heart of the Westport entertainment district that left at least four people injured.

The shooting followed several fights that broke out at about 0245, about the time the bars were closing for the night. As the fights were calming down, someone started shooting in the area of Westport Road and Mill Street.

Chesley Brown Officers stopped a car and arrested three men inside and also found an assault rifle in the car. Chesley Brown Director Dominic Pena was the first to reach the suspect vehicle, tap gently on the drivers window and begin the felony car stop. Security Officers Brent Musgrove and Joe Loring came up behind him at gun point on the passenger side. Director Pena ordered the driver and a passenger seated behind the driver out and Officer Adam Belben cuffed them. At that time, another passenger ran from the vehicle; Officers Brent Musgrove and Joe Loring were able to take him into custody with the assistance of a nearby police officer. Security Officer Jon Bazzano was working the control center and was able to coordinate security officers and police officers as well as capture video of the incident via CCTV.

Police said the number of victims was initially unclear because many arrived at hospitals on their own. The Jackson County Prosecutor's Office has charged one suspect with seven (7) felony counts in connection with another shooting the previous weekend where they said the suspect fired an assault rifle at some people in another car in Westport. Four people were injured in that incident, including one who was hit in the leg.

On 5-1-09 on the Country Club Plaza, Lt. Lisa Offield contacted Capt. Scott Caron from the Kansas City Police Department regarding a suspect vehicle he had asked Highwoods Public Safety to be on the lookout for. Capt. Caron sent the following E-Mail to express his thanks for locating the vehicle which was suspected in a theft from auto during the previous day:

Lisa,

You did an exceptional job of tracking this vehicle and its license down for me – thank you.

The photos are perfect – I have forwarded them to our MPD Property Crimes Sergeant Brad Lemon who is checking the license data on this vehicle as we speak. We are also currently shuffling some of our [under cover] detectives around to get a slick car down there ASAP to sit on this vehicle in efforts to follow and stop the driver. So if you guys see two scruffy looking guys near it – it’s us. They will call you to let you know what they are driving so you guys won’t have to mess with them.

Again – this is phenomenal work.

Thank you.

Capt. Scott Caron