

2023 Albert R. Atkinson, Jr. American Legion Post 210 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

At the March 6, 2023 of the Albert R. Atkinson Jr. Post 210 American Legion meeting, the post honored Corporal Michael Johnson of the Plumstead Township Police Department as their Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. He truly is an exceptional Officer.

Corporal Johnson began his law enforcement career in 1980 with the Bucks County Sheriff's Department and then moved to the Doylestown Township Police Department. While at Doylestown, he was instrumental in forming, and leading, the Central Bucks Special Response Team which is a multi-jurisdictional tactical/negotiator/crime scene team. He served with Doylestown Township until August 2009 when he was hired by the Plumstead Township Police Department. At Plumstead, he maintains an active patrol presence, leads a squad of officers and is an instructor in the Taser device.

There are multiple aspects to law enforcement work. The first, of course, is the preservation of law and order in the community. Equally important is building trust in the community, i.e., community policing. It is in this aspect of law enforcement that Corporal Johnson excels. Because of his efforts, Plumstead residents have many opportunities to interface with police in social environments and build relationships with the officers.

This is accomplished via the following events:

- Coffee with a cop – an opportunity for the public to meet police officers in a social setting
- Law Enforcement night – demonstration of local agencies' capabilities
- Pack the patrol car – food drive for local food banks
- Shop with a cop – financially struggling families shop for holiday gifts

If all of that is not enough, Michael is a member of the Quakertown Borough Council (and has been since 2008) and is a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Luke's Hospital.

Post 210 Commander, Pete Scott, presented the award to Corporal Michael Johnson. Corporal Johnson's performance has been deemed so inspiring by our State American Legion Office that he has also been named the American Legion Department of PA Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. He will receive that award at their annual convention in July 2023."





From left to right, Chief David Mettin, Plumstead Police Department; Roseanne Johnson, wife of Michael Johnson; Corporal Michael Johnson, Plumstead Police Department; Pete Scott American Legion Post 210 Commander.