

Security Officers Honored

Each year all Securitas divisions in North America recognize their Security Officers of the Year for Heroism and Performance. The 2014 recipients, along with the Kaplan University Scholarship winner, travelled to Parsippany, NJ where they were honored at a presentation and luncheon attended by the Division Management Group and all Region Presidents. They were also treated to dinner and a private tour of New York City.

Jaspreet Singh Rajpoot Security Officer of the Year for Heroism



(left to right) Santiago Galaz, chief executive officer; Jaspreet Singh Rajpoot, security officer; Dwayne Gulsby, CPP, country president; Bill Barthelemy, chief operating officer

This award recognizes a security officer who demonstrates courage, daring, professionalism and self-sacrifice while helping to protect people or property. The 2014 award winner is Jaspreet Singh Rajpoot of the Calgary, Canada branch office. He has been with the company for 2-1/2 years and is currently employed as a control room operator and weekend supervisor at the Calgary Court Center.

On July 22, 2014, Rajpoot was on routine patrol which required him to leave the Calgary Courts Center to continue his patrol of the Court of Appeals building located across the street. This is a busy intersection with numerous lanes of traffic, pedestrian crossings and train tracks. While he was waiting for the walk signal at the intersection, a car ran the red light at a high rate of speed. He noticed a legally blind woman with her white stick who was trying to cross the intersection and, as the car speed by, she became disoriented and diverted from her original route. This put her in the path of train tracks as trains were beginning to move in both directions. By observing the speed of the trains and keeping in mind the risk to his own well-being, Rajpoot ran across the street, through the moving trains and pushed the woman out of their paths to safety. He helped her across the street and then continued with his patrol and regular duty. It is worth noting that these events were not reported by Rajpoot himself, but by a fellow employee who observed his actions in helping to save the life of this woman.

In December an awards ceremony took place during the Canadian national meeting. The country president, vice presidents, branch managers and business development

managers from across Canada were in attendance, together with key national accounts personnel and large mobile representatives. Area Vice President Perry Clarke described the scene and the action taken by the officer. In accepting his award, Rajpoot said, "I appreciate Securitas for taking the time and effort in recognizing me. I am proud to work for a company that values its employees as much as Securitas does."

At the presentation held in Parsippany, Country President Dwayne Gulsby presented Rajpoot with a plaque and a check for \$5,000. Gulsby commented, "It is an honor to make this presentation to someone who was willing to put himself in harm's way to help save the life of someone he did not know." Rajpoot responded, "My job is to help people and I just felt that I needed to do the right thing."

Please join us in congratulating Jaspreet Singh Rajpoot on being named the 2014 Security Officer of the Year for Heroism.

Harry Bell Security Officer of the Year for Performance



(left to right) Santiago Galaz, chief executive officer; Harry Bell, security officer; Bill Barthelemy, chief operating officer; Rick Avery, CPP, region president

Security Officer Harry Bell of the Northeast Region was recognized for consistently providing excellent service and outstanding performance. He has worked for the company for five years and is currently assigned to the University of Bridgeport where he is part of a pilot program to enhance the security and safety of students at the University. The goal of the program is to assist students during the evening and overnight hours so they could move about the campus with a security escort to help ensure their safety. Through the hard work of Officer Bell,

the participation in the program has increased significantly and has earned positive recognition from the University administration.

Bell embodies the true sense of the word commitment and takes full ownership of his assignments, thus resulting in positive feedback from the client and those with whom he works. He was also recently recognized for his efforts in the community through his work as a resource officer for the Bridgeport School System. He has developed a coloring book with messages of positive reinforcement for the children of the city. Other schools and local political figures have contacted him to compliment him on his work and express interest in obtaining copies of his book. Bell is now working on a second coloring book.

A local presentation was held with clients from the University of Bridgeport - April Vournelis, executive director of Campus Security and George Estrada, vice president, Facilities - as well as Securitas USA area and site management. Area Vice President Greg Kalafus, CPP, provided Bell with a letter of recognition and a check for \$250, and spoke of the dedication and professionalism that Bell brings to the client and the community at large. Estrada and Vournelis each spoke about how much they appreciated Bell's efforts in promoting the new safety initiative. When told he had won the award, Bell said, "I am shocked and humbled by the award. I do not work to be recognized, but I am thankful for the recognition and the support I have received for both on-site and community activities. This has been the best year of my life."

During the presentation in Parsippany, Area Director of Operations Brian Carroll presented Bell with a plaque and check for \$5,000, and said, "Harry Bell is a very caring person who has faced many struggles in his own life, but he constantly looks for ways to help others. He is a truly amazing person and an inspiration for those who want to succeed and take advantage of second chances."

Please join us in congratulating Harry Bell on being named the 2014 Security Officer of the Year for Performance.

James Law Kaplan University Scholarship Winner



(left to right) Sandra Jobe, human resources manager; Santiago Galaz, chief executive officer; James Law, security officer; Bill Barthelemy, chief operating officer; Rick Avery, CPP, region president

In 2014 Securitas North America and Kaplan University announced a scholarship opportunity to honor veterans and current members of the military within the Securitas North America family. This program is intended to help qualified

employees pursue a degree program designed to enhance their job skills in their current positions or prepare them for future positions within Securitas.

The Securitas North America Scholarship is a full scholarship in which one Securitas North America employee, who is also a service member (including Guard and Reserves) or veteran, is eligible for consideration. The Scholarship covers the full tuition and fees for a bachelor's degree or an associate's degree. "Through our partnership with Kaplan University, we are emphasizing our commitment to the men and women in our organization who have served our country," said Andre Walker, vice president of Training and Development for Securitas North America. "Given the industry in which we work, we see a larger than average population of prior military service members. We feel strongly about providing them with valuable educational opportunities."

Earlier this year, James E. Law of the Manchester, NH branch, military veteran and account manager with Securitas USA, was announced as the recipient of the Securitas North America Scholarship. In 2009 he enlisted in the U.S. Army. In 2011 he was deployed to Afghanistan and continues to serve his country.

Law started his career with Securitas in May 2012 as a security officer at the State Military Reserve in Concord, NH. Within a short period of time, he was promoted to a shift lead position and, in September 2014, he was once again promoted to the position of account manager at the site. Law is a remarkable leader; his character and integrity are continuously demonstrated every day and he truly excels and leads his team by embracing the Securitas core values of Integrity, Vigilance and Helpfulness.

Law was honored at a ceremony at the New Hampshire branch office, where Branch Manager Ethan Bird shared that he had been chosen as the Securitas North America Scholarship winner. Law processed what was happening and then remarked, "No way!" The office erupted in cheers. Northeast Region President Rick Avery, CPP introduced Law as the first scholarship winner during a recent Region President's meeting held at the Securitas North America headquarters in Parsippany, NJ. Law was presented his scholarship by Director, National Client Relations Amanda Mercado from Kaplan University .

"After reviewing a number of scholarship applications, it was clear James would excel in pursuing his degree while being able to work full-time," said Walker. "It's through our partnership with Kaplan University that we are able to offer access to education to our employees, many who are military veterans." As a result of his scholarship, Law is pursuing a bachelor of science in business administration at Kaplan University and will begin studying in July.