

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Allegheny County Police Association has chosen to honor Detective James Fitzgerald as its Detective of the Year at the annual Retirement and Awards Celebration on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the Embassy Suites; and

**WHEREAS**, in June 2014, Detective Fitzgerald uncovered an inmate plot to smuggle narcotics into the Allegheny County Jail; the plot involved dissolving illegal drugs in water and applying it to the paper the inmates received at the jail; Detective Fitzgerald intercepted several suspicious letters that were later found to have been saturated with illegal narcotics; and

**WHEREAS**, Detective Fitzgerald uncovered the plot of a "magistrate's drop" that was to happen at a local magistrate's office; he was able to foil the plot and identified a civilian who had placed contraband under the toilet that was to be recovered by an inmate; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to contraband investigations, Detective Fitzgerald has assisted other agencies with dozens of investigations; he has worked with City Homicide on a murder that occurred in Northview Heights and was able to uncover information relating to a Homestead robbery and kidnapping; and

**WHEREAS**, Detective Fitzgerald joined the Jail Investigations Unit in June of 2014 with no detective experience; since his arrival he has made 37 felony arrests and assisted in over 100 other investigations; we rely heavily upon our police officers to ensure the safety of our residents, visitors, and communities; without the work of Detective Fitzgerald, we would not be able to provide the services that our residents depend on, and we thank him for his work and dedication.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate Detective James Fitzgerald on being named the Detective of the Year.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

*Rich Fitzgerald*

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