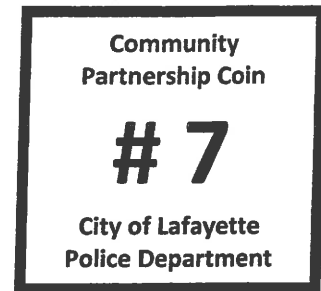




**City of Lafayette
Police Department**



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To: Mayor Mark Mitchell, City of Lafayette
From: Eric Christensen, Chief of Police 
Subject: Community Partnership Coin, Diane Barbera

Throughout history, military units have used challenge coins emblazoned with their unit insignia or crest to recognize members who perform acts that reflect their tradition of service or valor. This same practice has been adopted by police departments throughout the United States. Although some coins are sold as commemorative gifts, others are presented by police departments as recognition of individuals who perform acts that demand special recognition. The City of Lafayette Police Department's Community Partnership Coin is presented to those who have gone above and beyond to serve their community, the police department, and the City of Lafayette.

This Community Partnership Coin is presented to Diane Barbera, the manager of the Lafayette Bank of the West.

The City of Lafayette Police Department works with various members of the business community for a variety of events and functions. Diane, as a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the local Rotary Club, is certainly someone who is very active within the community. Diane is involved in some manner with all of the large-scale events in the City, along with her employer Bank of the West.

Several years ago, the police department began to deploy additional medical equipment in its police units because of perceived delays in emergency medical response as the result of the closure of a local fire station. Although the police department had previously fielded Automatic External Defibrillators (AED), we added a significant amount of additional equipment. During an event, I noticed that Bank of the West was providing customers with backpacks that would be ideal for this function. When asked, without hesitation, Diane provided the police department with enough bags to aid us in hour of need. Since that time, dozens of our residents have benefitted from her generosity and good will - as they were revived and transported for additional medical assistance.

Diane has devoted a significant amount of her personal time to the success of the police department in other ways as well. As part of our Citizen's Police Academy, Diane allows us to use her bank as the backdrop for one of our classes. Without complaint, Diane opens the bank after hours - giving our attendees the opportunity to experience what it is really like to be involved and investigate a crime. This is invaluable to the students, as they get to participate in a real investigation. The contributions and Diane and her employer significantly improve the overall program.

Diane is an active member of our community who gives her all to making our community a better place. She is certainly deserving of this recognition and praise.

A copy of this document will be maintained at the police department along with a cataloging of the coins that have been presented throughout the history of the program. While not serialized, each coin is assigned a number that relates to the order of presentation. Records will be stored in order of presentation.