



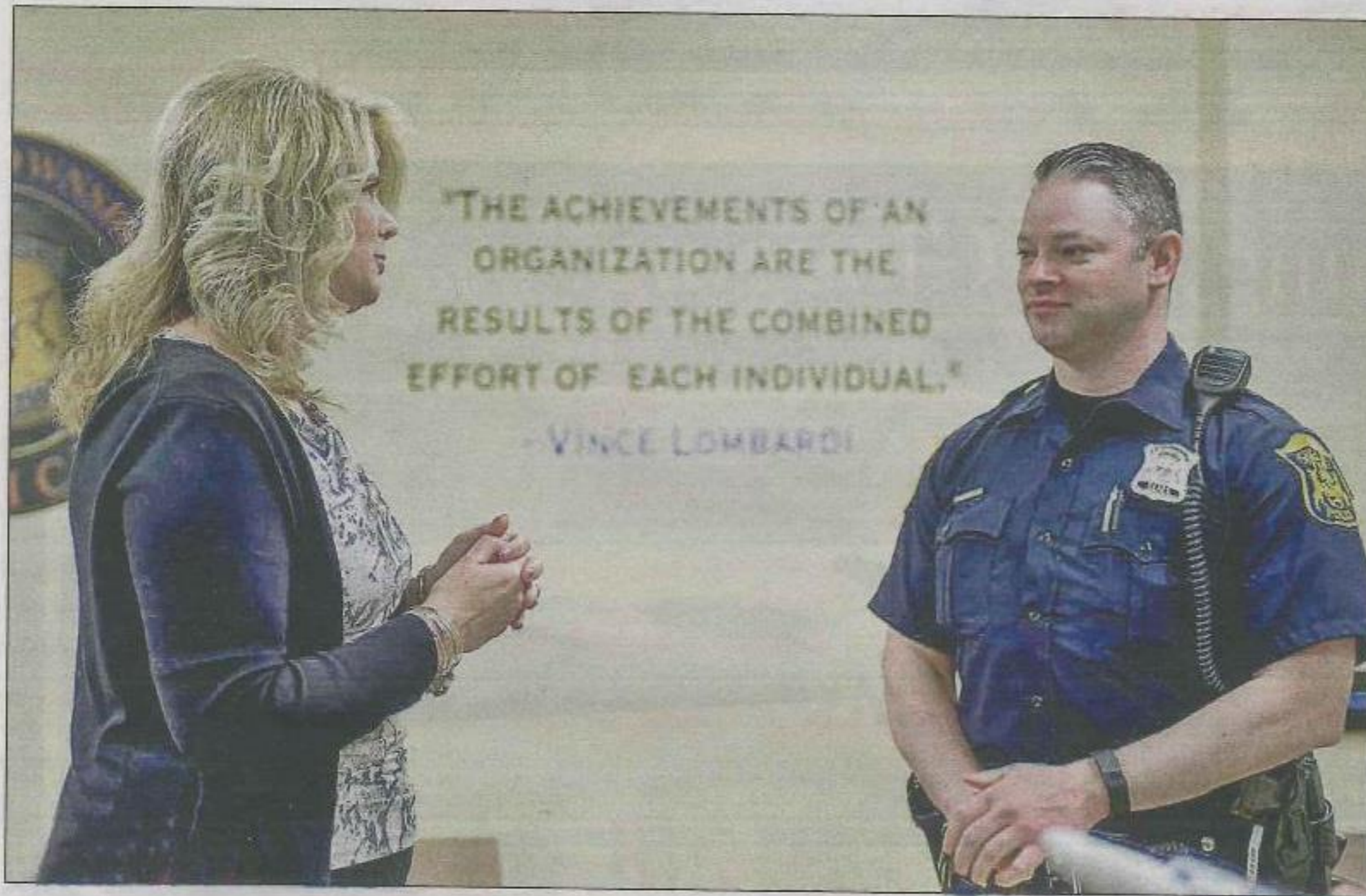
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Mothers Against Drunk Driving Michigan Program Coordinator Lisa Radke speaks with Kevin Bailey at the Shelby Township Police Department April 15 after honoring him for his work on a crime victim's case during National Crime Victims Week.

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Shelby officer receives MADD award for aiding stalking victim

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SHELBY TOWNSHIP — On April 15, Mothers Against Drunk Driving Michigan honored a Shelby Township police officer in observance of National Crime Victims Week.

Lisa Radtke, program coordinator for MADD Michigan, explained that her organization has a three-pronged mission statement: eliminate drunken driving, prevent underage drinking and serve victims of serious crimes — drunken driving and otherwise.

Radtke reached out to Shelby Township Police Chief

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Robert Shelide for a recommendation for the award, and Shelide nominated Kevin Bailey, a police officer who has been with the Police Department since March 2015.

Bailey, a 37-year-old Shelby Township resident, is an 11-year veteran of the Auburn Hills Police Department, where he won the MADD Lifesavers Award twice for most drunken driving arrests made. He said he made the move from Auburn Hills police to Shelby Township police to be more involved in the community where he lives.

Shelide chose Bailey for his work on a felony aggravated stalking case that he was assigned to in February. Along the way, Bailey also became the victim of verbal harassment and threats.

"I believe it was actually the beginning of February that I met the young lady at her house and, just after talking with her, I could see that she was in fear for her life and in fear for her daughter, so I knew that I wanted to do something," Bailey said.

He said he called the suspect, the woman's ex-husband, to tell him to back off and stay away, but the conversation did not go well. Afterward, he said the suspect left the victim several voicemails, threatening to physically assault both her and Bailey.

Bailey said he filled out a detailed report, contacted the detective bureau and, from there, detectives arrested the man in his hometown of Petoskey. The man is currently in jail and the court proceedings are ongoing.

"It was a team effort, and I thank (the detectives) for their work as well," Bailey said. "He would drive down here periodically and threaten them by knocking on the door with surprise visits, so the threat of him coming back down was real."

He said it felt good knowing the outcome was favorable for both the victim and the Police Department.

"He went above and beyond his duty to protect and serve the citizen," Radtke said. "Probably for the first time in years, this woman and her daughter feel safe."

Shelide also presented Bailey with a Chief's Coin of Excellence April 15. He said he had the coins commissioned and gives them out sparingly for exceptional performance. In 16 months as chief, he estimated that he has given out eight coins.

"Kevin is a great guy, a family man who lives here in the township and has three kids," he said. "He just so happened to do amazing work on a complicated case."

Shelide added that Bailey is one of eight instructors with the Shelby Township, Troy and Royal Oak police departments who will

provide fair and impartial police training to officers in all three jurisdictions.

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From left, MADD Program Coordinator Lisa Radke, Shelby Township police officer Kevin Bailey, MADD Michigan Administrator Sue Strong and Police Chief Robert Shelide stand in the roll call room at the Shelby Township Police Department April 15.

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