

# Blue Ash Police Department

## Media Release

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### **BLUE ASH OFFICERS RECOGNIZED FOR INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS**

**Blue Ash, Ohio** – Several Blue Ash Police officers were recently recognized by two separate outside organizations for their professionalism, teamwork, and investigative skills in a year-long investigation into stolen motor vehicles, stolen property, break-ins, and insurance fraud. The investigation, which began in December of 2009 and lasted through January of 2011, culminated in the recovery of in-excess of \$110,000 worth of stolen property and the discovery of a working methamphetamine lab. A total of seven search warrants were executed in the course of this investigation which led to the arrest of five individuals by the Blue Ash Police, with additional suspects charged by other police agencies.

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, Officer Dane Baumgartner was recognized with the Officer of The Month award by the Cincinnati Citizens Police Association for his initial recovery of a stolen vehicle which initiated the investigation.

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, Officer Baumgartner along with Lieutenant Dennis D. Boone, Detective James R. Kelley, Detective Robert J. Gerhardt III, Detective S. Joseph Schlie and Officer Allison Schlie were recognized by the Hamilton County Police Association for their tenacity and dedicated efforts during the ensuing investigation.