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PATROLMAN BEN WIECHEN NAMED “OFFICER OF THE YEAR”

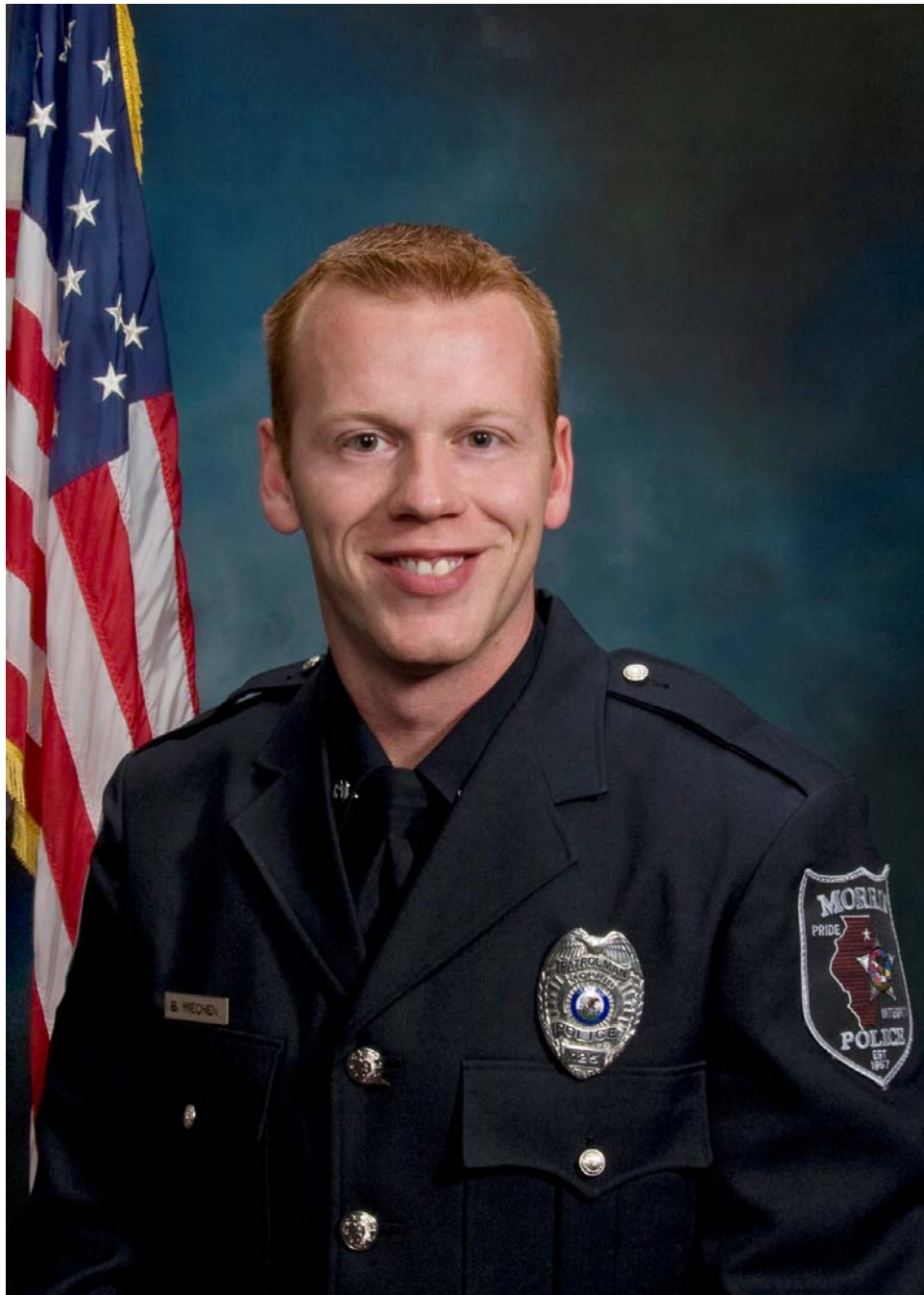
Officer Ben Wiechen was awarded “Officer of the Year” after being nominated by his peers, and the administrative staff at the Morris Police Department for his hard work and valuable contributions he has made to the Morris Police Department in 2009.

Officer Wiechen was hired by the Morris Police Department December 10, 2001. Officer Wiechen successfully completed Basic Recruit Law Enforcement Officer training at the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois in 2002. Officer Wiechen is certified in the following; Juvenile Officer, Police Bicycle Officer, Elderly Service Officer, Accident Investigation, and Criminal Drug Patrol.

Officer Wiechen, who graduated from Morris Community High School, has spent all of his time with the Morris Police Department in the Patrol Division. Officer Wiechen is currently assigned as a Traffic Enforcement Officer and his hard work and dedication has helped reduce the number of traffic accidents in the City of Morris each of the last two years. Officer Wiechen has been issued a Unit Citation Award and a Letter of Commendation by the Morris Police Department, while also receiving various thank you letters from community members for the service he has provided to them.

“Officer Wiechen is a hard working officer who comes to work every day with a positive attitude, said Chief Brent Dite. He is a dedicated officer who truly wants to make a difference in the Morris community.”





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