

## MIDDLETOWN

## Officer, resident honored for heroics

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The Middletown supervisors honored a township police officer and a Morrisville resident at Tuesday night's meeting.

R. Christian Piwonski, a Morrisville resident and Lower Makefield public works employee, received Middletown's Citizen Recognition Award for his efforts in trying to save township police Officer Chris Jones.

Jones was killed in an accident Jan. 29 after stopping a motorist for speeding on the Route 1 Superhighway. He was pinned under his patrol car and eventually died of his injuries at St. Mary Medical Center.

Piwonski, 42, crawled under Jones' car to give the officer first aid and try to comfort him. Once Jones was out from underneath of the car, Piwonski also administered CPR until rescue personnel arrived.

Jones, who was posthumously promoted to detective, was the first Middletown officer ever killed in the line of duty. Tuesday night, his widow Suzanne and their three children looked on as Piwonski received his award.

Also Tuesday, Officer Mike Lubold, a 20-year veteran of the Middletown force, received an official commendation for his work on a Feb. 17 bank robbery.

Lubold responded to the report of a robbery at the TD Bank at East Lincoln Highway and Woodbourne Road. Spotting a man in the parking lot with red dye on his pants, Lubold realized he was the bank robber.

After the suspect started to run, Lubold pursued him on foot and eventually apprehended him in the parking lot of the Lofts of Oxford Valley office complex near the Oxford Valley Mall. Lubold also recovered the stolen money.