## Civilian Support Staff shine at La Porte Police Department

While few would argue the role of a police officer being honorable, the various duties spanning from patrolman to the Chief of Police would likely remain inefficient and ineffective if not for their support staff. The quality regarding the direct level of service citizens receive relates directly to the support staff working behind the scenes within a police agency. Such personnel should never go unnoticed and for 2009, the La Porte Police Department's Spring & Summer Employee's of the Quarter have come from the ranks of their civilian support staff.

In the Spring of 2009, the department named Maintenance Technician Rafael Garza their Employee of the Quarter. For over 10 years Rafael has served the City of La Porte and began working for the police department toward the end of last year. Since joining the department staff, he has immediately become an invaluable member and is well-respected by the entire agency.

For the Summer 2009

Employee of the Quarter, the department selected Property Room Custodian Wendy Swink. Wendy began her career with the City of La Porte as a Deputy Court Clerk in 2002, transferred to the Police Department in 2004 as a Records Specialist, and currently serves the La Porte Police Department as a Property Room Custodian. Her attention to detail and efficiency in the processing of evidence have, undoubtedly, been a major asset to the Police Department.

The department's Employee of the Quarter is selected by the organization's Awards Committee following an employee's supervisory recommendation and a final committee vote. The committee is a conglomerate of patrol officers, detectives, police supervisors and members of the civilian support staff who meet on a regular basis to recognize outstanding achievement. For both Rafael and Wendy's selection as Employee of the Quarter, the vote was unanimous.

Certainly there are other



EMPLOYEE OF THE SUMMER – Property Room Custodian Wendy Swink was named Summer 2009 Employee of the Quarter at the La Porte Police Department.

members of the La Porte Police
Department who qualify as
outstanding employees and

they are to be commended for their dedication to the success of their community. However,



SPRING EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER – Maintenance Technician Rafael Garza (left) shakes hands with LPPD Chief Ken Adcox after receiving his award.

certain individuals like Rafael & Wendy clearly represent the type of worker who takes their

assignment seriously and goes the extra-mile to ensure the success of their co-workers.