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Ware receives 'Tree' award

Officer Austin Ware, Public Transportation Section, received another top award when he was presented the Lambert Tree Award at a special ceremony held in the City Council chambers.

The ceremony marked the 100th Anniversary of the presentation of the Lambert Tree-Carter Harrison Award.

Mayor Harold Washington and Superintendent Fred Rice made the presentation.

In May, Ware was presented the Department's highest award, the Police Medal, at the 25th Anniversary of the Annual Chicago Police Department Recognition Ceremony.

The Lambert Tree and Carter Harrison Awards, Chicago's highest commendations for bravery, are awarded alternately between Chicago police officers and firefighters who performed exceptional acts of heroism during the previous year.

Firefighter Bruce Rheinwald received the Carter Harrison Award.

There were also three Special Honorable Mentions, six Honorable Mentions and two Posthumous Honorable Mentions presented to Department officers at the ceremony.

Last winter, Ware, while off-duty, entered a restaurant and observed an armed offender taking money from the customer. When the offender walked to the counter, with his weapon in his belt, and began demanding money from the cash register, Ware took the opportunity for action. The officer walked up behind him and announced his office.

The offender suddenly grabbed Ware's service revolver and a violent struggle ensued. The offender tried to wrestle the gun away from Ware while



Mayor Harold Washington and Deputy Superintendent Robert Williams congratulate Lambert Tree Award recipient Officer Austin Ware, Public Transportation Section. Ware, joined by his wife Georgetta and three daughters, was presented award in City Council chambers.

Services held for Brunkella

Officer Jay F. Brunkella, assigned to the 24th District Tactical Unit, was the third Department police officer this year to die of wounds sustained in the line of duty.

Services were held October 7 for Brunkella, 39, who was critically wounded on September 22 and died of his wounds October 4.

Brunkella, a highly decorated 18-year Department veteran, was part of a tactical team actively involved in the investigation of narcotics in the area. In response to reports of illegal drug sales nearby, the team stationed themselves around a grammar school.

Brunkella and another officer ap-



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