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Prosecutor Tunnell Names Sgt. Brian Kunzen Officer of the Month for February 2026

Ashland County Prosecutor Christopher R. Tunnell is pleased to announce that Sergeant Brian Kunzen of the Ashland Police Department has been named the Ashland County Prosecutor's Office Officer of the Month for February 2026.

Each month, the Prosecutor's Office recognizes an outstanding law enforcement officer for exceptional service, professionalism, and dedication to justice. Nominations are accepted from members of the criminal justice system as well as from the community. Officers selected for this honor are awarded the Prosecutor's Office's highly coveted "duck" — a lighthearted but deeply prized symbol of excellence among local law enforcement.

Sgt. Kunzen was nominated by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Laura Stanley, who highlighted his outstanding assistance in complex digital evidence cases:

"I would like to see Brian Kunzen recognized for his work. He has been extremely helpful to myself and Alissa (Investigator Schmidt) in the processing and collecting of cellphone evidence. He has taken additional time to help us locate evidence we are looking for, takes calls/texts walking us through where to find things, and has been on 'stand by' when a defense attorney wanted to review a phone download. After the first data retrieval, he put in his report the names of the individuals where there were conversations with possible evidence. He also started adding 'tags' in the extraction report so that I could easily identify photo/video evidence. I greatly appreciate him."

Sgt. Kunzen's technical expertise, responsiveness, and commitment to ensuring thorough and accurate evidence review have significantly supported the Prosecutor's Office in preparing cases and pursuing justice. His willingness to go above and beyond exemplifies the professionalism and teamwork that strengthen our local criminal justice system.

If you see Sgt. Kunzen out and about, be sure to congratulate him on receiving his well-earned duck.

Do you know an officer who is doing an outstanding job? Help us recognize excellence in law enforcement. Submit your nomination by emailing Prosecutor Tunnell to recommend an officer for a future Officer of the Month award.

The Ashland County Prosecutor's Office is proud to partner with the dedicated men and women of law enforcement who serve our community with integrity, skill, and commitment.

