

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Officer Steven Cizinsky
Officer Jay Carpenter
Officer Andrew Schmidt
Officer Jose Arellano
Officer Chelsea Coenen
Dispatcher Ryan-Ann Carpenter

## LETTER OF COMMENDATION

On January 13, 2015, the Waukesha Police Department Dispatch Center received a 911 call from the Citgo Gas Station with the sound of a cash register printing and someone moaning and saying "why, why, why". Officers were dispatched and located the clerk with a gun shot wound to his chest.

As the Officers on scene coordinated a victim rescue plan, numerous other officers arrived on scene to secure the perimeter as the suspects were still believed to be in the area. The victim was transported to Waukesha Memorial Hospital were he succumbed to his injuries.

Whereas, Officer Steven Cizinsky was first to arrive on scene and was able to obtain valuable information from the victim while taking Incident Command of the scene.

Whereas, Officer Jay Carpenter was able to move the victim out of harms way and attended to his wounds with medical equipment obtained from his squad car.

Whereas, Officer Andrew Schmidt helped evacuate the victim out of harms way and performed life saving measures until the Waukesha Fire Department arrived.

Whereas, Officer Jose Arellano cut off the victim's shirt to expose the injuries and applied pressure to the wounds to stop the bleeding.



Whereas, Officer Chelsea Coenen provided cover with her squad rifle as other officers performed a victim rescue, moving the victim out of harms way.

Whereas, Dispatcher Ryan-Ann Carpenter answered the 911 call and immediately recognized the severity of the incident and sent officers and the Fire Department in emergency fashion.

The actions of these members of the Department are truly commendable. Each one played a distinct and individual role, with none less important than the other, which gave the victim a voice and a fighting chance at justice. These Officers and Dispatcher demonstrated a deep commitment to the safety of the Citizens of Waukesha and to each other. As a group, their actions exemplify the Department's highest values of teamwork, courage, and integrity.

Sincerely,

Russell P. Jack Chief of Police

Cc: Mayor Shawn Reilly

City Administrator Kevin Lahner

Deputy Chief Angle Awards Committee

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