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Date: 16 October 2014  
To: Chief John Sladetz  
From: Deputy Chief Richard Jaczak  
Subject: Employee Recognition ref 2014-03357

On October 14, 2014 the Stickney Police Department's Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call of a car which struck a house and a pregnant woman on the 3800 block of Oak Park Avenue. The call was transferred to Berwyn, however due to the proximity and the tremendous threat to public safety Stickney officers responded.

Officer Collin Lochridge observed the vehicle fleeing the scene. Officer Lochridge, Officer Sean Poindexter and Corporal Cruz Ortiz engaged in a pursuit which lasted several miles and traveled through numerous jurisdictions. The incident culminated in a violent fashion on the 2300 block of Cicero Avenue; however, only very minor injuries were reported.

The offender had a significant criminal background and was possibly suffering from mental illness. He was subsequently charged with numerous felonies by the Cicero Police Department.

I am respectfully requesting Corporal Cruz Ortiz, Officer Pedro Garcia, Officer Collin Lochridge, Officer Sean Poindexter and Telecommunicator Ashley Morris receive Shift Achievement Commendations for their efforts in the arrest of the offender. Without them a very dangerous individual would have evaded arrest continued the crime spree he was involved in.

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Deputy Chief Richard Jaczak #607

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Date: 23 July 2014  
To: Chief John Sladetz  
From: Deputy Chief Richard Jaczak  
Subject: Employee Recognition ref 2014-02362

On July 20, 2014 the Stickney Police Department's Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call of a man with a gun, later "shots fired", on the 4400 block of Wenonah Avenue. Only three Stickney officers were on duty at the time, necessitating a call for assistance from surrounding agencies.

Police officers from Lyons, Forest View and Riverside, as well Detective McGuire and I, responded to the scene. Within minutes an assault rifle and spent casing had been recovered and the offender was coaxed out of his home and taken into custody. The teamwork and efficiency of all involved is what lead to a successful conclusion to this event.

The offender was subsequently charged with reckless discharge of a firearm and three counts of aggravated assault.

I am respectfully requesting Detective Kevin McGuire, Officer Pedro Garcia, Officer Collin Lochridge and Telecommunicator Kevin Kozelka receive Department Commendations and Auxiliary Officer Yolanda Meraz an Honorable Mention for their efforts in the arrest of the offender.

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Deputy Chief Richard Jaczak #607

Date: 8 July 2014  
To: Chief John Sladetz  
From: Deputy Chief Richard Jaczak  
Subject: Employee Recognition

Prior to October 5, 2013 the Stickney Police Department received an abnormally high amount of burglary/theft reports involving vehicles in "Area 2". On October 5, (reference to incident 2013-03258) Officer Ashley Sinkewich observed two subjects burglarizing a vehicle. Those subjects were taken into custody, charged with narcotics offences and claimed to have permission to damage and enter the vehicle in order to retrieve belongings.

Sergeant William Merrill made contact with the owner, Jose Falcon, via telephone. Falcon stated he consented to his vehicle being broken into so its keys could be removed. Sergeant Merrill, not believing a reasonable person would do this, told Falcon he would need to respond in person to the SPD to verify his identity and formally refuse to press charges.

All relevant information was relayed to me, Sergeant Frank Figueroa, Detective Corporal Cruz Ortiz and Detective Kevin McGuire. Falcon arrived at the SPD hours earlier than he stated he could be there. Falcon provided identification to Sergeant Figueroa and it was discovered he had a suspended driver's license resulting from a DUI arrest.

The incident then became even more complex, worthy of a television show. At its conclusion, this incident was comprised of a burglary, narcotics possession, possible stolen property, a fleeing suspect and subsequent search, three individuals at some point or another placing either themselves or another behind the wheel of a semi-tractor at the same time, a driving while suspended charge and two trials.

Ultimately, the collaboration and cooperation within the Stickney Police Department resulted in the successful seizure of a 2001 Freightliner. Four members of the Department testified at the seizure trial to clarify the incident and explain individual roles. The Judge even commented on the teamwork stating (something to the effect of): "I'm surprised (former) Chief Holub wasn't here to testify."

Since the arrests, burglary and theft reports have been few and far between. Every involved officer played an essential role. While it was taxing to put the pieces of the puzzle together, the result was three arrests, three vehicles impounded, a reduction in crime and the seizure of one vehicle.

I am respectfully requesting Sergeant Figueroa, Sergeant Merrill, Detective Corporal Ortiz, Detective McGuire and Officer Sinkewich receive Honorable Mentions for their effort and dedication.



Deputy Chief Richard Jaczak #607