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LIFE SAVING AWARD

Officer Okon,

Sgt. William Busse notified me of commendable work done by you in reference to an attempted suicide which occurred on April 7, 2010 in the 14800 block Forest Edge Lane, Oak Forest, IL.

On that day, you responded to a suicide in progress where it was related that the victim was in the garage with the doors locked and their vehicle running. Upon arrival you met with a child of the victim who advised the victim was suicidal. You attempted to make entry to the garage which was locked and tried to speak with the victim and received no response. You made a decision to force your way into the locked garage and quickly found the door had been barricaded. After several attempts to force the door open, you were able to make entry and found the victim lying on the ground almost unconscious and you dragged her outside to fresh air.


Sgt. Busse commented that you went above and beyond the call of duty by placing your own life in jeopardy, and saving the life of another. I concur with this finding and that without your quick thinking and actions this incident may have had a tragic ending.

This dedication to the victims of crime and to our residents, demonstrates your commitment to the Oak Forest Police Department mission statement which in part reads:

The mission of the Oak Forest Police Department is to improve the quality of life for all who live in, work in, or who visit our community by delivering professional, effective police services. Members of the Oak Forest Police Department are dedicated to accomplishing the mission by the following:

Instilling public confidence in the agency by maintaining a high degree of professionalism, dedication, and expertise in the development of police services.

I am issuing you this life saving award for your actions and would like to thank you for a job well done!


Gregory J. Anderson
Chief of Police