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Police Department presents Officer Gregory Okon with lifesaving award

Oak Forest, Illinois – The Oak Forest Police Department will present Officer Gregory Okon with a lifesaving award at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 27 at 8 p.m. for his actions, which prevented a resident from committing suicide on April 7.

“From all accounts, Greg went above and beyond the call of duty by placing his own life in jeopardy and saving the life of another,” said Police Chief Greg Anderson. “Without his immediate and fearless response, this incident may have had a tragic ending.”

Upon arriving at the house, Okon was informed that a female resident, who was suicidal, was in the garage with the doors locked and her vehicle running. While trying to gain entry into the garage, Okon tried speaking to the resident but received no response. At that time, he forced his way into the garage and found the resident lying on the ground almost unconscious. Quickly, Okon pulled her outside into the fresh air where he waited with her and her family for an ambulance to arrive.

“Greg displayed great care and concern for life that day,” Anderson added. “He’s a valuable member of our department and I’m proud to honor him with this award.”

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