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Outstanding Service Award

Officer Vodnik and K9 Orry,


I am in receipt of a copy of an Outstanding Service Award from the North American Police Work Dog Association for your part in the response and apprehension of armed robbery suspects. At the North American Police Work Dog Association Conference on May 7, 2010 the following was information presented about an armed robbery in Matteson in which you were provided an award:

November 22, 2008:

The initial responding officer happened to be in the parking lot of the location when the call came out and within seconds of receiving the call, observed the 2 suspects run through the parking lot—one armed with a handgun, the other with a shotgun. Officer gave chase until the suspects split up in different directions. Perimeter was established immediately and 2 K9 teams responded. Off. Vodnik and K9 Orry established a track from two items seen discarded by the second suspect. Their track led through 2 asphalt parking lots, across a 3 lane asphalt roadway and up to a 6 story office building where the team tracked up to some bushes. Although the suspect was not found, the shotgun he was carrying was recovered from the bushes. K9 team continued tracking around the office building and to a parking lot of a fast food restaurant where the track ended. Although the suspect was not located that evening, he was apprehended the following day and the weapon was found instead by the good guys instead of by a citizen or even a child. It was later learned that a 3rd suspect was involved and was waiting in the getaway car in the parking lot where the track ended. These suspects were also found to be responsible for another armed robbery the night before in a neighboring jurisdiction.

Your response to assist another agency demonstrated your dedication to duty and willingness not only of yourself, but all Oak Forest Police Department employees to assist other law enforcement agencies when needed. Your actions not only helped the Matteson Police Department, but also highlighted the Oak Forest Police Department at a national conference.

I would like to thank you for a job well done!


Gregory J. Anderson
Chief of Police