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LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Officer Shemanske,

Sgt. D'Ambrosio advised me of outstanding police work done by you in reference to a burglary on Diane Ct. on October 25, 2011. According to Sgt. D'Ambrosio:


After a preliminary search of the residence, a search of the attic was required. The S/W corner of the attic was not visible from the ladder. This is the area where impressions in the blown insulation indicated the suspect would be. The entire "floor" of the attic was covered in several inches of loose, blown insulation. The roof of the attic was relatively low and the only place to walk was on the ceiling joists.

Officer Shemanske voluntarily climbed the ladder and pulled himself into the attic. He crouched and walked along a floor joist the entire distance to the S/W corner of the attic. He cleared the area of the attic that was not visible from the ladder and determined that the suspect was no longer present. When Officer Shemanske exited the scuttle, he was covered in insulation from head to foot.

The actions of the officers on scene brought a potentially violent incident to an end quickly and peacefully. As with all domestic violence situations, the above described incident was serious in nature.

A Letter of Appreciation is given to an individual for the performance of an act that brings credit upon him and the entire Department. Sgt. D'Ambrosio advised that you displayed a high level of professionalism and your actions directly lead to the apprehension of a domestic abuser/burglary suspect.

I want to congratulate you on outstanding law enforcement services.


Gregory J. Anderson
Chief of Police