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LIFE SAVING AWARD

Officer Shaughnessy,

Sgt. Wrigley notified me of commendable work done by you in reference to an individual who had overdosed on December 24, 2010 in the 5400 block of Christopher Drive, Oak Forest, IL.

On that day, you responded to an ambulance call in which the sister advised that her brother was unconscious and appeared not to be breathing. You quickly arrived and found a male who appeared to be in distress and not breathing and with little or no pulse. Utilizing your recent training, you began CPR and regained a pulse until the paramedics arrived. The paramedics began treating the victim and by the time he was transported to the hospital, he and was in considerably better condition.


Fire Chief Terry Lipinski commented that in situations such as this, performing proper CPR before the ambulance arrives is critical maintaining proper blood flow and air circulation. Without CPR, this victim may have died.

This dedication to the victims 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