



MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Billy Peppers, City Manager
From: Mark J. Mitchell, Chief of Police
Date: March 2, 2017
Ref: Council Agenda

Please accept this memorandum as an official request to place the following on the Council Agenda for Thursday, March 16, 2017.

New Employee Recognition

Mr. Alec Robles

He just recently graduated from Kennesaw State University with his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. Mr. Robles will be filling the agency's Civilian Code Enforcement Officer position and is in training with our two (2) certified Code Enforcement Officers at this time.

Employee Accomplishments

Lt. John Lummus

Monday, February 27, 2017, marked twenty (20) years that Lt. Lummus has served in the Law Enforcement profession. We would like to recognize his diligent service and dedication to the department and community we serve.

Sgt. Jesse Hamilton

On Wednesday, February 22, 2017, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Uniform Patrol Division (UPD).

In this new position, Sgt. Hamilton will be the Shift Commander for one (1) of our Patrol Teams and will conduct roll call briefings, training, inspections, assign patrol zones, review reports completed by subordinate personnel, evaluate shift and employee productivity and brief in-coming shift supervisors of recent call activity.

Employee Commendations

***Sgt. Stephen Delman
Sgt. Jesse Hamilton
Sgt. James McPherson
Officer Jose Souto***

On Monday, February 20, 2017 at 1728 hrs., Officers were dispatched to 141 Brown Street in reference to the report of an older female who had cut herself and was threatening suicide with a razor blade. Units quickly arrived and made contact with the female on the side of the apartment building. As Officers began to speak to her to calm her down, the individual made verbal threats to cut her "Jugular" if they got any closer to her. The confused person began backing away from Officers advising to stay away or she would further harm herself.

Officers tactically attempted to approach the female from the other side of the apartment building in an effort to continue speaking with her and to peacefully resolve the situation. At that point, Sgt. Stephen Delman was able to quietly make his way up an embankment behind the suicidal female. Once in position, he swiftly deployed his issued Taser which immediately subdued her, enabling Officers to take her into custody without further incident.

I commend each of these Officers for working together as a team to bring a very serious situation to a safe resolution. Their calm and coordinated approach made certain that this very unstable individual was taken into custody before she further hurt herself, another citizen or any of them. Each Officer was decisive, exercised sound judgment and I appreciate their contributions to this agency and the community we serve.

***Asst. Chief Stephen Merrifield
Sgt. Ben Gilleland
Officer Jimmy Butler
Officer Kyle Smith***

On Tuesday, January 14, 2017 at 1614 hrs., Officers were dispatched to 319 Westminster Drive in reference to a welfare check where the complainant advised that he had not heard from his sick sister since the prior evening. Upon arrival, Officers observed two (2) vehicles in the driveway of the residence and made contact with the complainant who advised that none of his family had spoken to his sister since last night and the two (2) vehicles at the home are her cars and this is all very unlike her. Responding Officers also checked area hospitals to see if the homeowner had been admitted due to her being ill but were advised that she had not checked herself into either hospital.

Officers located an open window at the rear of the residence and waited for Sgt. Ben Gilleland and Asst. Chief Stephen Merrifield to arrive before they made entry. Upon arrival, entry was made through the open window and the downstairs of the residence

appeared in order with nothing disturbed. At that point, Officers could hear a television from an upstairs bedroom that was already deemed to be the living quarters of the sick female they were attempting to locate. The Asst. Chief, Officer Smith and Officer Butler made their way to the top of the staircase announcing their presence as Sgt. Gilleland held his position downstairs.

Asst. Chief Merrifield confirmed the bedroom door was locked and continued attempting to verbally make contact with the female in question. The decision was made at that time to make entry into the room and take action because of the unknown condition of the individual and critical circumstances surrounding the situation. The Asst. Chief forced open the door and Officers immediately encountered a very sick and disoriented person holding a .38 caliber revolver pointing it at them. Immediately, Officers backed down the stairs and took tactical positions all while the Asst. Chief calmly spoke to the female trying to have her to put the gun down.

After several moments of negotiation and convincing the delusional individual that they were the police and to drop the gun, she complied and came out of the room where she began to receive medical attention by Fire Service personnel who were staged on scene.

I commend each of our Officers for working together as a professional and dedicated team to bring a very serious situation to a safe resolution. They disregarded their own safety to make certain that this individual was located and received immediate medical care due to her condition. These Officers were decisive and exercised sound judgment and I appreciate their contributions to this agency and the community we serve.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request and please contact me if you have any questions.



Mark J. Mitchell
Chief of Police

cc: Asst. Chief Stephen Merrifield, Police Administration
Capt. Jeff Tucker, Operations Bureau
Capt. Wendell Turner, Support Services Bureau