



BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Date of Incident: Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Time of Incident:

Incident Case #:

Summary:

On Tuesday, September 20, 2016 the following Bristol Officers were presented with the following awards at the Bristol Police Commission meeting.

Officer Craig O'Connor and Detective Michael Brasche: **Distinguished Service Medal & Police officer of the month.**

On July 27, 2016, about 1647 hours, officers responded to an alarm at the TD Bank located on Broad Street. While officers were responding to the bank, it was learned an armed robbery had just taken place and the suspect fled in a car. In addition, the suspect had a female hostage with him and a handgun was displayed during the robbery. Shortly after, motor officer Craig O'Connor spotted the suspect and vehicle in the downtown area. The hostage was still in the car. O'Connor signaled the suspect to stop his vehicle and he failed to comply. A pursuit was initiated and O'Connor pursued the vehicle through downtown and into Wolcott. During the pursuit, the suspect pointed a handgun out the car window and toward O'Connor. At the time, O'Connor could not determine if he had taken gunfire. Nonetheless, the pursuit continued into Wolcott. Shortly after, the suspect abandoned his vehicle on Beecher Road and he fled into the woods. Detective Michael Brasche was nearby and joined O'Connor on Beecher Road. With assistance from Wolcott police, both Bristol officers tracked the suspect through the woods. After a short foot chase, he was taken into custody at gunpoint without incident. Before the suspect was captured in Wolcott, he abandoned the 65-year-old hostage on a local street. It was later learned that she had been kidnapped from a Bristol church by the suspect before he committed the robbery. During this incident, O'Connor and Brasche put aside their personal safety and placed themselves in a very dangerous situation. Their duties were performed in an exceptional manner. An armed and dangerous felon was apprehended and arrested.



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Officer Alex Hamzy: **Department Silver Star**

On June 29, 2016, about 0016 hours, Officer Alex Hamzy was on routine patrol of Page Park. In a secluded section of the park, he observed a parked van with New Hampshire registration. The van had Red Cross markings on it and two males were inside of it. Suspecting criminal activity, both men were questioned and detained. Shortly after, it was determined the van had been stolen during a burglary in Keene New Hampshire. Both suspects, one from New Hampshire and one from Connecticut were promptly arrested. Items stolen during the Keene burglary were also recovered. In addition, both suspects had just burglarized a Farmington CT restaurant before being discovered by Hamzy. Investigators from Farmington PD came to Page Park and quickly determined the two men had burglarized the restaurant in their town. Money stolen during the restaurant burglary was also recovered by Hamzy. With dedication to duty, diligence, and attention to detail, Hamzy apprehended two felons wanted for crimes in other jurisdictions.

Officers: Daniel Dwyer, Alex Hamzy & Kevin Cyr: **Lifesaving Commendation**

On August 22, 2016, about 0025 hours, Officers Dan Dwyer, Alex Hamzy & Kevin Cyr were dispatched to Crown Street for a 41-year-old person in cardiac arrest. Dwyer was first on scene and determined the male was in cardiac arrest. A witness reported the victim had been unconscious for approximately three to five minutes. Dwyer immediately began CPR. He was soon joined by Hamzy and Cyr. All three officers worked together and performed CPR on the victim. The officers also utilized the automated external defibrillator but it was not effective. They continued CPR and Bristol EMS arrived. Shortly after, the victim's heart began to beat and he was breathing on his own. According to the on-scene paramedic,



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the officers' actions saved a life and they did a great job. The victim was hospitalized and ultimately survived.

Officers Timothy O'Brien & Timothy Hall: **Lifesaving Commendation**

On August 29, 2016, about 2047 hours, Officers Timothy Hall and Timothy O'Brien were detailed to a North Main Street apartment complex for a medical call. It was reported that a 74-year old female was having difficulty breathing. The officers arrived shortly after and no one answered the door of the victim's apartment. Using a master key, both officers and fire personnel entered the apartment. The victim was found unconscious in the apartment slumped over a chair. Her skin was blue and she had no pulse. Both officers immediately began two person CPR. EMS arrived and administered advanced life support. EMS attempted to use the external defibrillator but no shock was advised. The victim was transported to the hospital in full cardiac arrest. Shortly after, she regained a pulse while being treated in the hospital. After treatment, she was listed in stable condition and ultimately survived. Due to the quick response and actions of Officers Hall and O'Brien, they helped saved a life.



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From left to right: Officers Craig O'Connor, Kevin Cyr, Alex Hamzy, Timothy Hall, Daniel Dwyer and Detective Michael Brasche. Missing from the photo is Officer Timothy O'Brien.

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