

## GRIFFIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

### COMMENDATION/ALLEGATION/INQUIRY FORM

Case Number: 15-16567

(Will be assigned by Chief's Secretary)

Date/Time Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Receiving: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Information: Commendations Date/Time of Occurrence: 12-4-15 at approximately 0028 hours

(Commendation, Allegation, Inquiry)

Employees Involve: Cpl. Chris Wilson and Ptl. James Waddell

Location of Occurrence: Ellis Road bridge near North Expressway

Actions Questioned, Alleged, or Commended:

On Friday, December 4, 2015, at approximately 0028 hours, Cpl. Wilson was dispatched to the Ellis Rd Bridge at MLK Blvd. in reference to a female sitting on the bridge railing. Cpl. Wilson radioed to that he needed additional units, a supervisor and someone on MLK to block northbound traffic.

I arrived on scene and saw Cpl. Wilson speaking with the female. The female was sitting on the rail the north side of the bridge facing outbound. Cpl. Wilson was talking calmly to her asking her to come back on this side of the rail. Cpl. Wilson was reassuring her the whole time that everything was going to be fine. (The female had told Cpl. Wilson that she didn't have any reason to live and was going to jump). He asked her about her grandkids and got close enough to pat her on her shoulder. I was approaching from the east side of them and Ptl. James Waddell was on the other side of them. Cpl. Wilson positioned himself behind her while he continued to speak to her. Cpl. Wilson then rushed in on her, grabbed her from behind and pulled her over the railing into the roadway. Ptl. Waddell then assisted with securing her on the ground upon Cpl. C. Wilson grabbing her and pulling her over the rail and onto the roadway. I went to them and radioed to dispatch to send in EMS. I took her purse and searched it for weapons. I found a lock-blade knife and secured it. Cpl. Wilson and Ptl. Waddell escorted her to the ambulance. I gave the EMTs her purse and we kept the knife for safekeeping.

Cpl. Wilson showed calmness while dealing with this very tense situation. He showed compassion to her the whole time which helped keep her calm. Cpl. Wilson showed bravery when he rushed in to grab her with her being on a bridge. She in an awkward location and he had to pulled her back over the railing. Additionally, she was a heavy set female which added to the difficulty.

I am submitting this letter to consider Cpl. Wilson for Lifesaving Award.

I am submitting this letter to consider Ptl Waddell for a Meritorious Award.

(If More Room Is needed Attach Separate Sheet)

Name of Person(s) Making Report: Sgt. Richard Joiner

(Include Witness List on Separate Sheet if Necessary)

Address (es) of Person Making Report: 868 W. Poplar St. Griffin, Ga. 30224

Telephone Numbers of Person Making Report: 706-975-1244

Signature of Person(s) Making Report: \_\_\_\_\_

Action of Immediate Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time Action Taken by Immediate Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Action of Division/Detail Commanding Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Investigation Recommended/Required? NO

(Yes/No)

Action of Chief's Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Investigator Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

(If Any)

Date/Time Investigation Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Final Disposition: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Final Action Taken: Award

(Award, Discipline, Letter to Citizen, Etc.)