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Subject: Commendations for Excellent Police Work

Patrol Officer Rafaela Carlisle-Swedberg

On April 23, 2015 at approximately 6:50AM, Officer Rafaela Carlisle-Swedberg was monitoring traffic on Dean Road at Chestnut Hill Avenue where she observed a vehicle proceed through a red light. She conducted a traffic stop on Chestnut Hill Avenue. The operator, a male, was accompanied by his wife who was seated in the passenger seat. The operator informed Patrol Officer Carlisle-Swedberg that his wife was experiencing contractions and they were in route to the hospital. Patrol Officer Carlisle-Swedberg offered to call an ambulance but they declined and said that they could make it. They continued on, with Patrol Officer Carlisle-Swedberg following, until they ultimately pulled over on Boylston Street just prior to Warren Street. Patrol Officer Carlisle-Swedberg approached the vehicle and the operator informed her that the baby was coming now. Patrol Officer Carlisle-Swedberg went to the passenger side of the vehicle where she observed the baby crowning. She was able to assist with the birth of the child and wrapped the baby in a blanket and kept her upright to ensure an open airway. Upon the arrival of other officers, they observed that the baby was crying and appeared to have an unobstructed breathing with no restrictions from the umbilical cord. A quick response, good instincts and a calming demeanor by Patrol Officer Carlisle-Swedberg was very instrumental in the successful delivery of the child and the well-being of both mother and child. Both the baby and the mother appeared to be doing well. The mother and baby were transported to the hospital.

Because of her actions that morning Patrol Officer Rafaela Carlisle-Swedberg will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.



Patrol Officer Brendan Kelliher
Patrol Officer Robert Teahan

On April 23, 2015, Officer Brendan Kelliher was assigned to the Patrol Anti-Crime Unit. At approximately 1:40pm., he observed a person riding a bicycle northbound on Harvard Street at Fuller Street. This person was known to him as having a criminal history of various types of larcenies, including package thefts, Officer Kelliher continued to monitor him as he proceeded into Boston. At one point, Officer Kelliher observed him get off his bicycle and begin to slowly walk with it. He also observed that he kept kneeling down next to vehicles and looking into building vestibules. Eventually Patrol Officer Kelliher lost sight of the subject in the vicinity of Gardner Street and Chester Street in Allston. Brookline Control notified Boston Police regarding Officer Kelliher's observations and Boston Police dispatched District 14's anti-crime unit to the area.

Approximately 45 minutes later, Boston Police broadcast a report of a breaking and entering in progress at a construction site on Quint Avenue. Boston Officers provided a suspect description which was consistent with the subject Patrol Officer Kelliher had under surveillance.

A short while later, Patrol Officer Robert Teahan observed this subject on Royce Road near Brainerd Road, initiated a field interrogation and asked for Boston Police to respond. Patrol Officer Kelliher also responded to this location. Boston Police arrived, conducted a show-up with their witness. This subject was identified and taken into custody for Breaking and Entering/Daytime.

These Officers performed in an outstanding manner, exhibiting knowledge of criminal offenders and criminal activity, eventually apprehending a known criminal who is currently charged in Boston with having broken into a dwelling under construction.

Based on their actions during this incident, Patrol Officer Brendan Kelliher will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation. Patrol Officer Robert Teahan will be awarded a letter of Commendation

Patrol Officer Kristen Healy

During the early morning hours on May 1, 2015 Patrol Officer Kristin Healy had been dispatched to 205 Kent Street for a suspicious activity call. Upon her arrival, it was determined to be a neighbor dispute that was an ongoing problem. Shortly thereafter, Officers responded back to the address a second time at which point the resident was identified and issued a TBL Citation for Nuisance Control. After servicing the call, Officer Healy decided to remain in the immediate area to give special attention and ensure that no further issues or noise complaints developed. Moments after she did this, she heard a female voice that she recognized as the female she had just spoken to yelling out the window threatening suicide. Officer



Healy requested EMS and additional units as she made her way into the building. Ultimately, a forced entry was made into the apartment where the female individual was sitting on the window sill with a curtain tied around her neck. The individual was eventually assisted back into the apartment and transported to the hospital by the paramedics.

In this situation, Officer Healy took the initiative to follow-up and devote additional time on a call. She utilized skills received in a recent Mental Health Critical Incident Training course and recognized an individual that was potentially at risk. The way she handled herself in this situation was an example of outstanding police work. Based on her actions that night, Patrol Officer Kristen Healy will be awarded both a letter of Commendation as well as a Certificate of Commendation.

Sergeant Andrew Amendola
Patrol Officer Steven Yung
Patrol Officer William Walker

On May 31, 2015 at 12:35am hours Sergeant Andrew Amendola, Patrol Officer Steven Yung and Patrol Officer William Walker were dispatched to a home on a report of a missing juvenile. Officers met with the teenager's mother who told officers that her daughter had come home intoxicated and was last seen in the bathroom throwing up. The teen had shut the door behind her thereby not allowing her mother into the bathroom with her. The mother eventually gained access to the bathroom and discovered that the teenager was no longer there.

While officers were searching the neighborhood Sergeant Amendola discovered that the bathroom window was open and the screen was missing. He went outside and upon viewing the roof; Sergeant Amendola noticed the teen on the top of the roof of the residence.

The above named officers then returned to the house and made their way onto the roof, accessing the roof through the bathroom window. While on the roof the officers observed the teen to be highly intoxicated and exhibiting suicidal ideations. She was screaming at Officers that she hated her life, wanted to die and that she just wanted to be happy. While this was going on, the teen made several attempts to get up from a seated position and move towards the edge of the roof requiring officers to restrain her. Eventually, these officers were able to remove the teen from the roof and she was transported to Children's Hospital for evaluation.

Sergeant Amendola, Patrol Officer Steven Yung and Patrol Officer William Walker demonstrated through their actions that morning extraordinary bravery in the performance of their duties by placing their own safety at risk to assist a troubled teenager. There is no question that their actions that morning prevented an unimaginable tragedy.



Based on their actions, Sergeant Andrew Amendola, Patrol Officer Steven Yung and Patrol Officer William Walker will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

Detective Kenneth McHugh

A letter was sent to the Brookline Police Department in May of this year. This letter was written by the School Administrator for grades 7 through 11 at St. Theresa of Avila Parish in West Roxbury. This Administrator wanted us to know of the outstanding volunteer service that Detective Kenneth McHugh has been doing at the school for fourteen years. Specifically, the Administrator wrote:

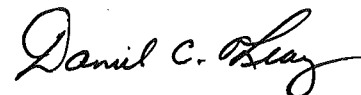
Shortly after becoming Administrator of the St. Theresa's Program, I sought to improve the content, quality and relevance of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse session we offered the 9th grade students. Who better to seek out for assistance than Detective Kenneth McHugh. Kenneth is a well-known and greatly admired member of the St. Theresa Parish and the West Roxbury neighborhood. I prevailed upon his kindness and good nature and asked that he come down to speak to our students and share his wisdom and experiences surrounding youth and alcohol. Apparently, I inadvertently failed to communicate the large number of attendees expected. Detective McHugh thought he would be informally speaking to a small classroom of kids. He did not realize until he walked in that he would be presenting to a full auditorium of Catholic and Public school 9th graders as well as their parents!!

When he began to speak every eye was on him and you could hear a pin drop in the gym. He was absolutely marvelous. He quickly and quietly captivated the crowd and from that day on our program has never been the same. For close to fifteen years Detective McHugh has stood before our students and parents and shared various alcohol related stories in the hope of steering young people clear of potential trouble or grief. Detective McHugh's contribution to the education and safety of our youth has been invaluable. At an age when most students are tempted to make peer driven, impulsive choices regarding underage drinking, Detective McHugh has been the calm voice of reason responsible for enlightening several thousand youth over these many years. Our debt of gratitude to him can never be repaid.

Because of his efforts in assisting these students, Detective Kenneth McHugh will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

The above cases represent the quality of work that is performed on a regular basis by our officers. It is my honor to acknowledge their efforts to make Brookline a safe community.

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