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LETTER OF RECOGNITION

Officer: Officer Gary Anderson

Type of Incident: Motor Vehicle Fatality Investigation

Submitted By: Lieutenant Terry McHugh

SYNOPSIS OF EVENT

On the morning of June 8th, 2012, Officer Anderson was dispatched along with fire and rescue personnel to an injury accident at the intersection of Kowalski Rd and County Rd X. Upon arrival, Officer Anderson encountered a chaotic scene comprised of both heavily damaged vehicles and injured people. Included in this was the driver of one the vehicles, who, regrettably, did not survive the incident. To further complicate matters, this fatal motor vehicle crash took place at one of the busiest intersections in Kronenwetter.

Despite the above mentioned factors, Officer Anderson reacted in a calm, yet swift fashion as he quickly secured the scene. Without a doubt, his ability to think clearly and act under pressure was critical in maintaining the integrity of the accident scene. Even though the WI State Patrol Reconstruction Team conducted a technical investigation of the scene, Officer Anderson was still tasked with a plethora of duties, including handling all the issues of dealing with the surviving driver of the second vehicle as well as making contact with the family of the deceased.

Officer Anderson did a tremendous job of professionally and compassionately interfacing with the young driver who survived the crash. Even though the driver was not at fault for the accident, he was obviously very shaken up by the incident. Officer Anderson reassured the young driver and walked him through the steps involved in being one of the drivers of a fatal motor vehicle crash. In addition, Officer Anderson compassionately made contact with family members of the deceased and assisted with their arrangements, to include making sure that the personal effects of their loved one were returned.

I feel that Officer Anderson's actions on June 8th are worthy of recognition: He took assertive action in securing the crash scene, while at the same time displaying compassion and professionalism to all parties involved. He wisely recognized that no single officer can handle such a complex investigation and therefore used his resources like the savvy veteran officer he is. His effort and actions reflect great credit upon himself, the Kronenwetter Police Department, and law enforcement as a whole.

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