



KRONENWETTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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LETTER OF RECOGNITION

Officer: Dan Dunst

Date Awarded: 01/25/2015

Type of Incident: Assist EMS KP14-851

Submitted By: Lieutenant Terry McHugh

SYNOPSIS OF EVENT

On September 9, 2014 at approximately 5:59 am, Officer Dunst was dispatched to an unconscious female. He arrived within four minutes and met with the patient's husband, who advised him his wife was not breathing. Officer Dunst remained calm and had the foresight to grab his AED right away, which he hooked up to the patient after completing one cycle of CPR. Officer Dunst administered initial medical assistance to the female until first responder Theresa O'Brien arrived on scene, at which point he assisted her in performing life saving measures. Due to the quick response and actions of Officer Dunst and all medical personnel on scene, they acquired a pulse and transported the patient to a local hospital.

Tragically, the patient passed away a couple of weeks later due to complications from the medical condition. The deceased was 31-year-old mother who left behind a husband and two children under the age of four. The situation was heartbreaking, yet it is a scene officers and first responders have to deal with all too often. The obituary noted the family's extreme gratitude for police and first responders, as well as many other health care professionals.

First Responder Theresa O'Brien noted Officer Dunst's exceptional work and expressed her gratitude to him, particularly since she was the only first responder on scene. She also felt that even though the patient later passed away, the family could still donate the deceased's organs because they initially saved her life. As a result, someone desperately in need of an organ transplant had their wish fulfilled.

Officers are trained to perform CPR and in fact, they must re-certify on this skill every two years; however, live scenes are exponentially more intense. Officer Dunst did an exceptional job of following his training and he did not panic when placed in a difficult situation. Even though the victim ultimately passed away, this does not negate the remarkable efforts of Officer Dunst and all first responders, who initially saved and ultimately extended the decedent's life. Officer Dunst's work reflects great credit upon himself, the Kronenwetter Police Department, and law enforcement as a whole.

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