



Newport Police Department

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Incident: Newport Police Officers Recognized

Date/Time: February 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

Details: At the Newport City Council meeting on February 16, 2010, Mayor William Bain recognized three Newport Police Officers for the actions they took on December 17, 2009.

The officers were checking the welfare of a fraud suspect who had implied that he intended to commit suicide. When the individual was contacted at his home, the officers were confronted with the subject holding a firearm to his own neck. After the officers retreated to cover, Detective Ken Real instantly began communicating with the subject. The subject was despondent, stating he had nothing to live for. Detective Real continued to bond with the subject, and quickly established a rapport with him. He talked with the subject and engaged him in conversation for more than one hour and fifteen minutes. Detective Real was able to convince the subject to lower the weapon, unload it, and drop it to the floor.

Sergeant Jason Malloy was instrumental in coordinating responding units to tactical positions at the scene, and also in letting other law enforcement units know what was going on in the negotiation process. He allowed Detective Real to negotiate with the subject; he did not interfere or try to take over the situation because of his rank.

Officer T. J. Eriksen was instrumental in providing excellent tactical coverage for the detective as well as for himself. He was able to connect with the subject and converse with him when the detective was distracted with other issues.

All of these officers were the direct cause of no one being injured, including the suicidal subject. Sergeant Malloy and Officer Eriksen received a Chief's Commendation award. Detective Real received the Department's Distinguished Service Award. (Photo attached; left to right: Eriksen, Malloy, Real.)

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