



Letter of Award Silver Star



To: Officer Brent Armstrong
From: Craig N. Meidl, Chief of Police
Date: February 11, 2019
Re: Silver Star Award

The Silver Star is awarded to employees who have displayed courageous actions above and beyond that normally expected. These acts of courage are displays of exemplary acts of bravery. When the Special Awards Committee reviewed Sgt. Lee's nomination, it was clear that you are most deserving of this recognition.

On Nov. 28, 2017, a woman living on East Rowan called shortly before 6:00pm reporting that a man who had been staying with her had just left after making death threats and firing a gun in her home at her and her son. Officers David Stone and Brent Armstrong raced to the home but found that the suspect had fled. They found shell casings and bullet holes in the ceiling, walls and the table on the landing. They also found drugs and paraphernalia near the sofa the suspect had been using for his bed. Through interviews with the two very frightened victims, probable cause was developed for two counts of first-degree assault and felony harassment.

Fellow officers interviewed neighbors and scoured the area but the suspect was nowhere to be found. Worried he would come back, the victims began gathering essentials to go to a place of safety. Officers Stone and Armstrong set up outside to keep watch while the victims packed their things. It was very dark and raining hard. The officers pointed their car toward the home to light it up while they remained watchful. The officers debriefed the call... a convicted felon, intoxicated and possibly high on drugs, had just shot at two people and threatened to kill each of them. They discussed how they would react if he returned.

Just 20-minutes later, the value of their planning would be realized when they spotted him walking toward the house. The suspect refused commands to stop or remove his hands from the pockets of his camo jacket. He stopped about two-feet from the gate to the house. The officers saw his jacket rise up with his hands still in his pockets and what appeared to be a bulge in his right pocket pointing toward them, then they heard the shot.

The suspect, who had shot at two citizens and threatened to kill them, had now shot at police officers and was walking away. Fearing for their safety, the safety of the homeowner and her son, as well as others in the area, the officers returned fire. The man, now holding his gun outside of his jacket, fell wounded at the corner of Rowan and Haven. Officers disarmed him and immediately began administering aid until relieved by paramedics.

Officers Stone and Armstrong distinguished themselves through exemplary bravery and extreme courage. They placed their own safety in peril, quickly ending a threat to the community and likely saved lives. They are most deserving of this award."

Officer Armstrong, I am proud to present you with the Silver Star award. You will receive the Silver Star Medal during the annual Employee Awards Ceremony on March 28, 2019, and a copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. N. Meidl".

Craig N. Meidl
Chief of Police