



BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICER JEFFERY G. CASNER

AWARD

OFFICER DAVID CRUICKSHANK

The Jeffery G. Casner Award is presented to a Police Department member who is at the forefront of the department in making Driving Under the Influence Arrests.

Officer David Cruickshank is hereby recognized for his efforts to make the highways of Berlin safer for its citizens. He is a leader among the Patrol Officers in the Department's Campaign Against Drunk Driving. He is responsible for making twenty one (21) arrests for Driving Under the Influence. This represents over 22 percent (22%) of all the Driving Under the Influence Arrests made by the Department in 2012. I am pleased to present him with the **Jeffery G. Casner Award.**

Chief Paul Fitzgerald

May 7, 2014



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LIFE SAVING AWARD

OFFICER DAVID CRUICKSHANK

On April 25, 2013 Officers Lagueux and Cruickshank responded to Rogers Market Place for the report of a 79 year-old adult male who had fallen inside the store's front vestibule. The E-911 caller reported that the man was unresponsive and gasping for air. Officers Lagueux and Cruickshank arrived quickly and began resuscitation after Officer Lagueux assessed for vital signs and found none. Officer Cruickshank began CPR while Officer Lagueux attached the defibrillator to the patient. The defibrillator indicated a pulseless rhythm and Officer Lagueux delivered a shock with the immediate resumption of CPR and the insertion of an airway device by Officer Cruickshank. After two minutes of aggressive resuscitation the AED indicated that another shock was advised and delivered by Officer Lagueux. During another round of CPR the patient responded to the defibrillation and CPR and spontaneous pulses were found. Officer Cruickshank continued to support the patient's airway and breathing until arrival of EMS who then provided advanced cardiac care. The patient was transported to the Hospital of Central Connecticut and was later discharged. A review of the AED data recorder showed that the patient had been in a pulseless rhythm. Officers Lagueux and Cruickshank's quick arrival, accurate patient assessment, AED intervention, airway management and efficient teamwork saved the man's life.

Officer David Cruickshank is awarded the **"Life Saving Award"** in recognition of his First Responder critical care management and successful resuscitation of this victim of sudden cardiac arrest.

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CHIEF'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

OFFICER DAVID CRUICKSHANK

On August 7, 2013 a crisis incident came to the attention of the Berlin Police Department when family members reported that their brother was experiencing paranoia tendencies while also being in possession of several firearms. The brother was acting irrationally and family members feared for his safety, the safety of his family and safety of the community. Lieutenant James Gosselin, Detective Sean McMahon and Officer David Cruickshank developed a strategy and took decisive and persuasive action to confront the brother and resolve the dangerous situation.

The brother was intercepted by Crisis Intervention Team members Officer Cruickshank and Lieutenant Gosselin at his place of business. After hours of negotiation with the subject he was convinced to surrender to a psychiatric assessment and then treatment. Concurrent to the CIT officers' intervention, Detective McMahon responded to the brother's residence to speak with frightened family members. Detective McMahon also drafted a seizure warrant for seizure of his weapons. The actions of these officers resulted in seizure of a large cache of weapons and the hospitalization and long term residential treatment of the subject. Ultimately, the family and subject expressed deep relief and gratitude to the officers for preventing a tragedy and "saving" their brother, husband and son. The actions of these officers demonstrate their excellent training, talents and experience. They are a credit to the Berlin Police Department.

In recognition of his performance of duties in this case, Officer David Cruickshank is awarded the **Chief's Achievement Award**.

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MERIT AWARD

OFFICER DAVID CRUICKSHANK

On March 8, 2013 the State of Connecticut received ten inches of fresh snow from an already snow packed winter. At 1:15 pm the Town of Berlin Police and Fire Departments were dispatched to Hawthorne Drive for a report of a structure fire. Officer David Cruickshank was dispatched to assist the fire department. While en route Fire Chief Simons requested Fire Command to contact the Mutual Aid Companies to go directly to the scene.

Officer Cruickshank arrived with Engine 10 and found, upon arrival, a condominium unit with smoke showing from the structure. An elderly female resident was visible at the front door waving for assistance. Chief Simons and Officer Cruickshank proceeded to approach the woman to investigate. As Chief Simons and Officer Cruickshank approached the unit the female retreated to the interior part of the structure and stated that her husband was located in the basement where he was trying to extinguish the fire. A firefighter entered the cellar stairway to rescue the elderly resident and while doing so the burning staircase collapsed under the firefighter's weight. At this time light to moderate smoke was within the building. Chief Simons handed off the female occupant to Officer Cruickshank who escorted her to safety out the front door. In an attempt to locate the fallen firefighter Chief Simons made his way to the now collapsed staircase and found the area inaccessible. Chief Simons retreated to the front door and radioed for assistance for a firefighter possibly lost. Chief Simons and Officer Cruickshank entered the structure again, in an effort to locate the firefighter. Conditions on the first floor were rapidly deteriorating forcing Officer Cruickshank and Chief Simons to retreat out the front door again. The fallen firefighter recovered from his fall into the cellar and rescued the man. Officer Cruickshank then assisted Chief Simons in treading through deep snow to stretch a 250' attack line to the back of the structure prior to the next due fire apparatus. Prior to EMS arrival Officer Cruickshank gave medical assistance to the elderly couple who both suffered smoke inhalation.

In recognition of Officer Cruickshank's actions and quick thinking, which helped protect and save the lives of the residents, and for his courage and professionalism in a very difficult situation, Officer Cruickshank is awarded the **Merit Award**.

Chief Paul Fitzgerald

May 7, 2014