



## **BERLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# **CHIEF'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

### **LIEUTENANT JAMES GOSSELIN**

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 Lieutenant Gosselin and Officer Cruickshank 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, Lieutenant James Gosselin is awarded the **Chief's Achievement Award**.

*Chief Paul Fitzgerald*

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