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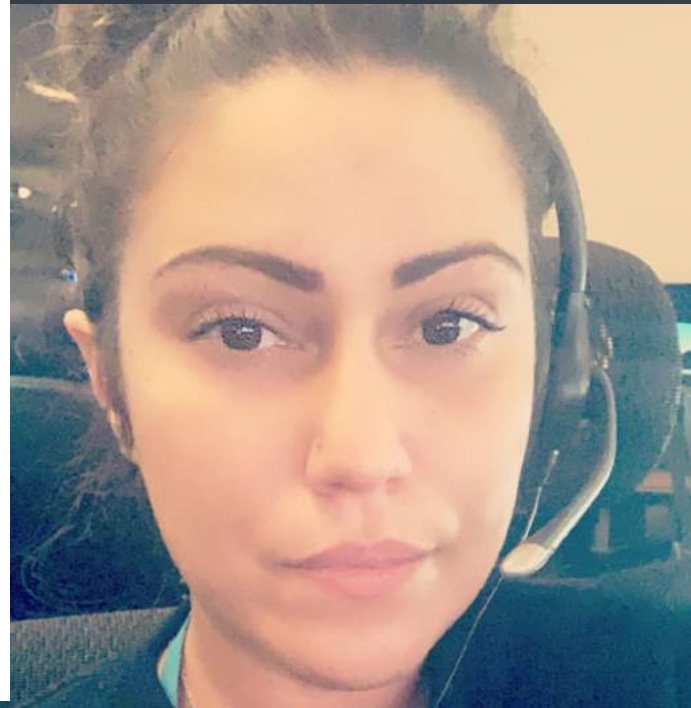
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Out of State Hostage Recovery Incident

**Public Safety Communications
Supervisor Teresa Smith &
Officer Emerita Valentin**

Life Saving Award Recipients

Public Safety Communications Officer Emerita Valentin received a call reporting a trafficking and hostage situation in Puerto Rico. The caller was passed around jurisdictions that could not assist until they were directed to the Alexandria non-emergency number. Officer Valentin was able to make direct contact with the hostage. While the hostage was able to understand English, they responded in French as to not alert the suspect. Working with a translator, Valentin was able to determine the location of the hostage. Supervisor Teresa Smith contacted Puerto Rican police to request a response. Supervisor Smith and Officer Valentin worked with the hostage and police for nearly 2 hours, resulting in a hostage rescue.





Posthumous Award

**Systems Administrator
Robert Bloom**

Certificate of Valor Recipient

Systems Administrator Robert Bloom is being recognized for his oversight of many Department of Emergency & Customer Communication technical projects. These projects include a shared 911 telephone system with Arlington County, which was the first of its kind in our region. He was instrumental in providing the development, design, and implementation of remote 911 and 311 call taking throughout the pandemic. He has been touted as the “brainchild” of these crucial services. Administrator Bloom passed unexpectedly in July of 2020; however, his efforts continue to influence responses within the region.

Hostage Rescue Incident

Lieutenant Delton Goodrum, Sergeants Ryan Waple & Patricio Alvarez, Officers David Daniels, Robert Egan, Sean Gallagher, Elijah Hearin, William Griscom, & Wesley Vitale, Detective Reid Hudson, Master Deputy Joseph Runquist, Alex Shin, and Fairfax County Police Special Operations Team's Captain Lance Schiable

Silver Medal Recipients

Officers responded to a domestic violence call in the morning hours. Officers Elijah Hearin and William Griscom and Master Deputy Joseph Runquist arrived, when they heard yelling and a sounding smoke detector. Though the door was barricaded, officers were able to unlock and open the door. At that time, gunshots were heard coming from inside and began penetrating the walls into the hallway. Faced with gunfire, officers retreated down the hallway and held their position. The Alexandria Special Operations team was mobilized and formulated a hostage rescue plan to make entry, stop the threat, and rescue anyone inside. The hostage rescue was disrupted by additional gunshots and an impenetrable door barricade by the suspect. Faced with these obstacles, Lieutenant Delton Goodrum declared a barricade and evacuated all surrounding apartments. After a 10-hour standoff, they requested relief from the Fairfax County Police Department who sent their SWAT team and Crisis Negotiator Teams to relieve the Alexandria units. Fairfax County Police used a robot to enter the apartment. Once they could clear the doorway, they determined it was safe to enter. Officers were able to enter the apartment, free the hostage, secure the weapon, and take the suspect into custody.



Motor Vehicle Accident Response

**Detective Darryl Ferrer &
Investigator Sara Thomas**

Life Saving Award Recipients

In the early morning hours, Detective Darryl Ferrer observed a traffic accident on Telegraph Road and notified dispatch of the crash. He approached the scene and encountered a severely injured man. Investigator Sara Thomas arrived on scene and began providing medical aid. Detective Ferrer and Investigator Thomas went above and beyond to provide medical care, administering multiple medical tactics.





Weapon De-escalation

**Officer
Jonathan Isaacs**

Silver Medal Recipient

Just after midnight, officers were dispatched for reports of gunfire. Officer Jonathan Isaacs arrived on scene and encountered an armed suspect. Officer Isaacs instructed the suspect to stop, but they ignored commands and walked away. Officer Issacs broadcast his location and called for backup. The suspect turned to conceal, manipulate, and hide the handgun in their waistline. Additional responding officers arrived and blocked the suspect in an alley. The subject went behind a house, hid in a bush, and walked by a blocked fence. Eventually the suspect surrendered and was placed in handcuffs without incident. Officer Isaacs went to the bush and located the firearm. It was later determined the suspect was under the influence of drugs and could not comply with commands.

Struck Pedestrian Reponse

**Captains Megan Ellzy & Richard Krimmer,
Firefighters De'Angelo Bowman, Caleb Hann,
Nathaniel McKee, Paramedics Remi Howell,
Keith Tapscott, & Howard Weinstein**

Life Saving Award Recipients

Engines arrived on scene in response to a motor vehicle collision. Patients were identified with serious injuries and the call was upgraded to a struck pedestrian. Additional medical support was called; teams worked to provide treatment and secure the scene. Medical treatment was administered, and they prepared to move the patient. Units discovered the driver had “passed out” and “came to” prior to the arrival of responders, so a second medical response was called. Crews transported the first patient to the hospital, while others remained on scene to oversee vehicle fluids, check for ID, provide updates, and await the second medic unit. From the time of arrival, it only took 60 seconds to locate the pedestrian and begin tourniquet. Crews worked effectively to move the patient, place IVs, assess the scene, provide medicine, and begin transport in just 4 minutes.





Drunk Driving Collision Response

**Captain Joshua Turner, Firefighters Durant Cephers, Edward Freeman,
Fiera Givens, Daniel Hunt, & Paramedic Timothy Jaffry**

Life Saving Award Recipients

Units arrived on scene in response to a motor vehicle accident. The patient was reportedly driving under the influence and speeding in rainy conditions. The car slid sideways and was wrapped around a telephone pole. The force of the collision trapped the patient in the vehicle on all sides. Firefighters donned extrication PPE and began rendering patient care through a small opening on the passenger side. The patient was struggling to breathe and had sustained severe injuries. Firefighters Edward Freeman and Daniel Hunt began stabilizing the vehicle while Firefighter Durant Cephers prepared tools to cut the car. The extraction was complex due to placement and compression. For Firefighter/Paramedic Fiera Givens to access the patient, the team created a larger opening on the passenger side. Once inside the car, Firefighter Givens was able to climb inside to access the patient. Members continued to move the passenger side, roof, and dash off the patient. Despite providing treatment under tight conditions and simultaneously operating extraction tools, arrival time to patient transport took just 30 minutes. While in route, medics performed lifesaving interventions and today the patient is alive and continuing to live a normal life.



Woodrow Wilson Bridge Jumper Response

**Captain Wilson Wells, Lieutenant Anthony Smalls,
Firefighters Moriah Anderson, Darren Hayes,
Karl Kappelman, Brett Shamleffer, Jason Sharpe,
& Michael Ware**

Life Saving Award Recipients

Engines were dispatched to a female preparing to jump from the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Prior to arrival a bystander was holding the jumper in place. Fire units assessed the scene and took action to secure the victim from falling. Teams first assembled a dual rope rescue system designed to secure the jumper to lower her to rescue boats below. In just under 4 minutes, a rescuer had attached a rope system over the rail and was lowered to the agitated and uncooperative individual. They then determined they would utilize a second safety harness to pull her back up the bridge ledge and over the rail. Topside crews pulled the jumper back on the walking path. The victim sustained no injuries, and the operation was completed in 15 minutes.





Suicide Rescue Reponse

**Deputy Sheriff
Sean Williams**

Life Saving Award Recipient

Deputy Sheriff Sean Williams was moving inmates between cells when he noticed a suicide in progress. Deputy Williams called for assistance and entered the cell. The inmate admitted this was their second attempt before Deputy Williams had intervened.





Special Recognition

**Chief
Michael Brown**

Special Recognition Recipient

The Alexandria Chamber of
Commerce will bestow special
recognition to Chief Michael Brown
for his 4 years as the Alexandria
Chief of Police.

Lifetime Commitment

***Sheriff
Dana Lawhorne***

Lifetime Valor Award Recipient

The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce will bestow a Lifetime Valor Award to Sheriff Dana Lawhorne for 16 years as Sheriff and 43 years of law enforcement service to Alexandria.



