



Date of occurrence: March 24, 2015

Employee Name: Dispatcher Peter Filiberto
Officer Craig Lovellette

Classification: Communications Operator
Police Officer

Unit/Division: Communications Unit
Operations / Patrol

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation,
Civilian of the Month, Officer of the Month.

Narrative:

On Tuesday, March 24, 2015, Officer Lovellette received a call for a check on the welfare of an adult male, who according to an out of state family member had been missing for several days. He was given two local addresses as possible locations for the victim. Officer Lovellette immediately dispatched officers to the locations but they were unable to locate the victim. Later, Officer Lovellette received calls from family members who had received texts and emails from the victim indicating he was going to commit suicide. Officer Lovellette had the family members send him the emails to confirm the suicide threats and secured them as evidence. Officer Lovellette then began a quest to locate the victim by utilizing cellular phone site triangulation with the assistance of telephone companies. The first location collected directed efforts to Alaska. Officer Lovellette contacted a local police agency in Alaska and advised them of the situation. They had officers respond to locations and even check area airports and ferries for information regarding the victim with negative results. Officer Lovellette ended his tour of duty and passed along all information gathered to Communications Operator Peter Filiberto. Having been appraised of the situation by Officer Lovellette, Communications Operator Filiberto took it upon himself to continue efforts in locating the victim. With the assistance of the N.Y.P.D. Technical Response Unit additional locations were developed via cellular tracking using latitude/longitude, ultimately leading to the area of

West Palm Beach. During this time, Officer Lovellette was receiving pings (location signals) while at home and continued to communicate with Communications Operator Filiberto in assisting with the ongoing search of the victim. Communications Operator Filiberto thought to contact credit card companies in the hopes they could use billing information to further identify an exact location for the victim. The last credit card use identified a Ramada Inn located in the West Palm Beach area. Communications Operator Filiberto then thought to Google this information and discovered a Ramada Inn in the area the cellular signals were being detected. Communications Operator Filiberto contacted the West Palm Beach Police Department, advised them of the possible suicide attempt in progress and provided the specific Ramada Inn location where the victim was believed to be. West Palm Beach officers were dispatched to 1901 Palm Beach Blvd reference a check on welfare. They located the victim in a hotel room. When the victim was located they discovered an empty prescription medication bottle and signs that the victim had been drinking alcohol. A suicide note was located in the victim's room. The victim was committed for a psychological evaluation and transported to the hospital for medical treatment. His family members were notified by West Palm Beach Police.

As a result of the dedication and initiative of Officer Craig Lovellette and continued resilience and quick thinking of Communications Operator Peter Filiberto a life was saved. Their professionalism, determination and unyielding desire to help a person in distress are commendable. I proudly nominate Officer Craig Lovellette for Officer of the Month and Communications Operator Peter Filiberto for Civilian of the Month in March 2015.

Nominated by: Captain Julio Yero