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August 20, 2013

Commendation:

Sue Henderson, on August 16, 2013, you received a 911 call from Jane Eck reporting a suspicious vehicle at her residence at the end of Six Shooter Canyon Road. As you were on the line with her, Jane reported the vehicle had left and then was returning back to the residence. While talking with Jane you could hear what sounded like gunshots and the caller was no longer communicating with you.

You were able to relay the information to the Deputies in the field giving a description of the vehicle as it was reported to you along with requesting assistance from the Globe Police Department. The information you provided to the Deputies in the field resulted in a vehicle pursuit of the suspect and eventually a foot pursuit in a residential neighborhood off of Ice House Canyon Road.

It was a short time later that it was discovered Jane had been fatally shot while attempting to report what she witnesses during the incident.

There is no doubt that your quick actions in dispatching and relaying information to the Deputies in the field played a vital role in the quick apprehension of a very dangerous individual in our Community.

All too often the role of the Dispatcher in these types of situations goes unrecognized. I would like to thank you for your dedication, professionalism, and outstanding display of teamwork.

Sincerely,

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Stephanie Marquez, on August 16, 2013, your partner Sue Henderson received a 911 call from Jane Eck reporting a suspicious vehicle at her residence at the end of Six Shooter Canyon Road. As she was on the line with her, Jane reported the vehicle had left and then was returning back to the residence. While talking with Jane she could hear what sounded like gunshots and the caller was no longer communicating with her.

During this time Jane's Husband came on the line advising that Jane had been shot. You took steps to attempt to calm Mr. Eck and stayed on the line with him throughout this tragic situation.

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Sergeant Virgil Dodd, on August 16, 2013, Deputy Gabe Valenzuela responded to report of a suspicious vehicle at a residence near the end of Six Shooter Canyon Road. As he was responding he was advised of possible shots fired and the caller was no longer responding to the dispatcher.

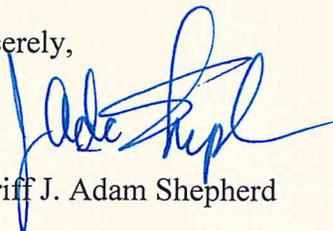
Deputy Gabe Valenzuela was able to quickly obtain a description of the suspect's vehicle, which was observed a short time later traveling North on Six Shooter Canyon Road. Deputy Jay Valenzuela, Deputy Chris McGroarty, and Deputy Gabe Valenzuela pursued the vehicle to residential area off of Ice House Canyon Road and then engaged in a foot pursuit eventually taking the suspect into custody. It was not until a short time later that the Deputies were informed that the caller Jane Eck had been fatally shot.

You were advised a short time later that the suspect had been transported to the Hospital for injuries he sustained during his arrest. You responded to the Hospital to assist with security and later flew with him to a Hospital in the Phoenix Area.

I would like to thank you for your professionalism, hard work, and display of teamwork. It is with these actions that you display a positive and professional image not only to the Gila County Sheriff's Office, but Law Enforcement as a whole.

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Lieutenant Christine Duarte, on August 17, 2013, you were notified that a suspect believed to have been involved in a fatal shooting had been brought to the Gila County Sheriff's Office Globe Jail. It was reported to you that this individual had suffered trauma to the head and was displaying erratic behavior and was also vomiting profusely. Gila County Sheriff's Office Medical Staff recommended that the individual be taken to Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center for further evaluation.

You quickly arranged for Detention Staff to transport the suspect to Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center. You also took it upon yourself to travel to the Hospital to ensure that all security and safety precautions for the suspect, Hospital Staff, and Detention Staff were in place. When it was decided by the Hospital Staff that the medical care the suspect required was beyond their abilities and they needed to transport the suspect to a larger Hospital in the Phoenix Area, you quickly began calling off-duty staff to have them travel to Maricopa Medical Center and await the arrival of the suspect via helicopter. You then put together a rotating schedule to ensure that two Detention Staff would be with the suspect at all times until his release from the Hospital. You then coordinated with Judge Goettman to ensure that the suspect, like all arrests, received his arraignment via telephone to ensure that all legal procedures and due process was followed.

I would like to thank you for your professionalism, quick thinking, and display of teamwork which played a vital role in ensuring that the suspect received medical care for his injuries and also remained secure to protect Hospital Staff and the entire Globe-Miami Community. It is with these actions that you display a positive and professional image not only on the Gila County Sheriff's Office, but Law Enforcement as a whole.

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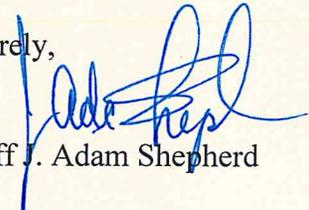
Sergeant Erich Kenney, on August 17, 2013, you notified Jail Administration that a suspect believed to have been involved in a fatal shooting had been brought to the Gila County Sheriff's Office Globe Jail. You reported that this suspect had suffered trauma to the head and was displaying erratic behavior and was also vomiting profusely. You then notified Gila County Sheriff's Office Medical Staff of the apparent medical problem and upon their recommendation; you transported the individual to Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center for further evaluation.

While at the Hospital, you ensured that all security and safety precautions for the suspect and Hospital Staff were in place. You continued to maintain custody of the suspect until it was decided by the Hospital Staff that the medical care the suspect required was beyond their abilities and they needed to transport the suspect to a larger Hospital in the Phoenix Area.

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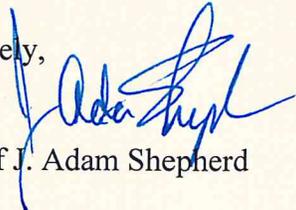
Officer Johnnie Brake, on August 17, 2013, Jail Administration was notified that a suspect believed to have been involved in a fatal shooting had been brought to the Gila County Sheriff's Office Globe Jail. It was reported that this individual had suffered trauma to the head and was displaying erratic behavior and was also vomiting profusely. Gila County Sheriff's Office Medical Staff were advised of the apparent medical problem and upon their recommendation; you along with Sergeant Erich Kenney transported the suspect to Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center for further evaluation.

While at the Hospital, you ensured that all security and safety precautions for the suspect and Hospital Staff were in place. You continued to maintain custody of the suspect until it was decided by the Hospital Staff that the medical care the suspect required was beyond their abilities and they needed to transport the suspect to a larger Hospital in the Phoenix Area.

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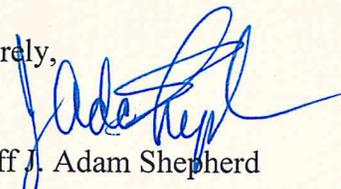
Officer Melissa Ramos, on August 17, 2013, the Jail Administration was notified that a suspect believed to have been involved in a fatal shooting had been brought to the Gila County Sheriff's Office Globe Jail. It was reported that the suspect had suffered trauma to the head and was displaying erratic behavior and was also vomiting profusely. Gila County Sheriff's Office Medical Staff recommended that the suspect be taken to Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center for further evaluation.

When it was decided by the Hospital Staff that the medical care the suspect required was beyond their abilities and they needed to transport the suspect to a larger hospital in the Phoenix Area, you were called while off duty and didn't hesitate to come to the facility to secure and inspect a transport vehicle. You then verified which hospital the suspect was being flown to and traveled to the hospital to await the arrival of the suspect thus maintaining custody and security while he received medical care. You remained with the suspect until you were relieved by additional Detention Staff later in the day.

I would like to thank you for your professionalism, hard work, and display of teamwork which played a vital role in maintaining custody and security of the suspect and also ensuring there were no delays in the suspect receiving proper medical care. It is with these actions that you display a positive and professional image not only on the Gila County Sheriff's Office, but Law Enforcement as a whole.

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