

East Greenwich Police Department

Level Two

Commendation

Ptlmn Christopher T Rafferty



This Level Two commendation is presented to Patrolman Christopher Rafferty for actions on May, 30, 2019 that resulted in performance above normal duty and responsibility. Specifically, Patrolman Christopher Rafferty protected unknowing citizens and assisted in the arrest of a dangerous Felon.

Therefore a Level Two Commendation is hereby awarded to Patrolman Christopher T Rafferty

Approved this 20th Day of June, 2019

Colonel Stephen J. B. #102
Chief of Police

Dep. Chief J. H. M. #123
Deputy Chief of Police

On Thursday May 30 2019 at approximately 744am, Patrolman Christopher Rafferty, the School Resource Officer at the High School, was informed that officers from the Cranston Police Department were pursuing a vehicle with 2 suspects into our town. The suspects were wanted by Cranston Police for assault on a police officer with the vehicle.

As the pursuit worked its way through our town, Patrolman Rafferty realized that it could be heading towards Middle Road from South County Trail and directly into a very busy traffic situation on Middle Road related to the morning school commute.

Patrolman Rafferty quickly drove his patrol vehicle to the intersection of Middle Road and South County Trail and positioned his cruiser in such a way that the suspect vehicle would not be able to enter Middle Road east bound and directly into the school traffic.

The suspect vehicle travelled south on South County Trail and as it approached Middle Road, Patrolman Rafferty directed it away from Middle Road and south on South County Trail.

Patrolman Rafferty then observed that the suspect vehicle was being pursued by a lone Cranston Officer. Patrolman Rafferty quickly got back into his cruiser and got in behind the Cranston Officer.

As the suspect vehicle attempted to enter the intersection at Frenchtown Road, it was involved in a traffic accident that thankfully only involved minor injuries.

Patrolman Rafferty then quickly got out of his cruiser and assisted the Cranston Officer in apprehending the suspect driver who was attempting to flee the scene on foot. The passenger initially got away but was apprehended a short time later when he returned to the scene and was spotted by employees of Dunkin Donuts.

For his quick thinking, strategic response and dedication to duty Patrolman Christopher Rafferty is awarded this Level 2 Commendation.

At this time I would also like to verbally recognize the following officers and staff for a job well done during this incident.

Lt. Brian Clement

Lt. Robert Siple

Detective Sergeant Glen Terilli

Sergeant Christopher Callan

Detective David Black

Patrolman Paul Nahrgang

School Resource Officer Bert Montalban

Patrolman Matt Larsson

And Dispatcher James Aveyard