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Bensenville Police Department Recognizes Officers with Award of Valor

Bensenville, IL – At the Village of Bensenville Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, the Bensenville Police Department recognized officers with Awards of Valor and Village President Frank DeSimone swore in two new police officers.

Officer Casillas, Officer Stephens, Detective Staffeldt, Sergeant Swanson, and Sergeant Oliva were recognized for assisting in a bank robbery which resulted in an arrest. Police Chief Dan Schulze awarded Officer Casillas and Detective Staffeldt with an Award of Valor for their actions. He also awarded Officer Stephens, Sergeant Swanson, and Sergeant Oliva with an honorable mention as they all played a key role in making the arrest. The Award of Valor is the highest level award the Police Chief can offer.

These awards came as a result of their actions which occurred on December 18th, 2019, where a report of an armed bank robbery at the US Bank in Wood Dale came over the radio. The officers quickly responded to the call and were able to catch up to the suspect in Northlake, Illinois where they tactically maneuvered to make the final arrest.

Bensenville Police Chief Dan Schulze commended the officers for their actions by saying, “When Officer Casillas, Detective Staffeldt, Sergeant Swanson, Sergeant Oliva, and Officer Stephens showed up for work that day, they didn’t know if they would be crossing kids at a school crossing or doing this, but they never gave it a second thought.” He also thanked the residents of Bensenville and the Village Board for their continued support towards the department.

During the meeting, Village President Frank DeSimone also swore in two new police officers. Adam Kadlec and Bryan Madden were officially sworn in after successfully completing months of intense training and graduated from the police academy in mid-January.

About Bensenville: Bensenville is conveniently located just 20 miles west of downtown Chicago in DuPage County, adjacent to O’Hare International Airport, surrounded by major expressways, and boasts several public transportation options including a Metra commuter station. With plenty to offer both families and businesses like brand new schools, great parks, and special events year round, Bensenville really is the “Gateway to Opportunity.” Please visit our website at: www.bensenville.il.us

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(Officer Casillas and his family after being presented with an Award of Valor from Bensenville Police Chief Dan Schulze at the January 28th Village Board Meeting.)

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(Detective Staffeldt with his family after receiving an Award of Valor from Bensenville Police Chief Dan Schulze at the January 28th Village Board Meeting.)

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(Sergeant Swanson with his family after receiving an honorable mention from Bensenville Police Chief Dan Schulze at the January 28th Village Board Meeting.)

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