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POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Ofc. Lyssa Pantella

FROM: Chief David L. Lash

SUBJECT: Achievement Award – Chief's Commendation

On November 1, 2022, at 0554 hrs. you responded to a suicide call in the first block of Chesapeake Estates. A 32-year-old male had committed suicide by one self-inflicted shot with a shotgun to his head. He did this act while lying in bed next to his 28-year-old girlfriend.

The 28-year-old female was obviously suffering from the trauma. You calmed her down as you interviewed her. You helped her collect her thoughts and relay the timeline that occurred prior to the suicide.

As sometime went by the female realized that she had her boyfriend's biological matter tangled in her hair. She was traumatized by this fact and began to panic. In an act of selflessness and compassion you volunteered to wash this woman's hair. You calmed her down and had her sit in the bathroom. You washed the woman's hair showing a level of care that is far beyond what is expected of a police officer. You sought no notoriety for your actions. In fact, your actions would have gone undiscovered without notification from the Coroner's Office.

The Northern York County Regional Police Department Seal contains three tenets of the Department; Honor, Fidelity, and Service.

Webster's Dictionary defines these tenets as follows;

Honor – A keen sense of ethical conduct

Fidelity – Devotion, the quality of being faithful or loyal to community or country

Service – The work or action of helping others

Your actions epitomize these beliefs and speak highly of you both as a human being and as a Northern York County Regional Police Officer.

I commend you for your actions and will always point to this event as the epitome of service to citizens of the communities we patrol.

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