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From: Bryan C. Haughey- Chief of Police  
Date: November 8, 2022  
Subj: LETTER OF COMMENDATION- Police Incidents on November 7, 2022

Please accept this document as a letter of commendation for Sergeant Edwin F. Ward, Officer Michael F. Murphy, Officer Vincent R. Sullivan, and Officer Charlie T. Williams, concerning 2 separate incidents that occurred on November 7, 2022, in the Town of Holland.

At approximately 1304 hrs, Officers Murphy, Sullivan, Williams, and I responded to a 911 call at a residence for an unconscious party that was suffering from an ingestion poisoning overdose, and CPR was in progress. Officer Sullivan, the first to arrive on the scene, administered 2 doses of department-issued Naloxone, (NARCAN), while the remaining personnel assisted with life-saving efforts. The quick and professional actions of the personnel involved undoubtedly saved the life of this individual. Officer Williams, a Holland officer, was working in the Town of Wales at the time and responded as mutual aid.

At approximately 1640 hrs, at a different location in town, Sergeant Ward observed 2 individuals known to have active arrest warrants exiting a vehicle. Sergeant Ward immediately instructed the individuals to stop, and they ignored his instructions. Sergeant Ward was able to secure one individual into custody and radioed for backup in locating the other individual who fled.

Officers Murphy, Sullivan, Williams, and Rutkis (Wales PD), along with Massachusetts State Police MSP Sturbridge Barracks Troopers, and an MSP K9 unit, responded to assist. The responding personnel quickly established a perimeter and the K9, with the assistance of the remaining personnel, located the individual who fled, hiding under a trailer in a neighboring yard.

The quick response and the tactical methods utilized by the personnel involved led to a rapid and safe conclusion. I would like to take this opportunity to officially commend all personnel involved in these incidents.

Respectfully,

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