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Police officers and community members honored for saving the life of a child found unresponsive in a pond

Lake in the Hills, IL – On Thursday, September 9, 2021, police officers and several community members were honored at the Lake in the Hills Village Board meeting for saving the life of a child that was found unresponsive in a pond, stemming from an incident that occurred on July 23, 2021 in the Boulder Ridge subdivision.

Detective John Arient, Officer Christina Busby, and Officer James Recchia were recognized for their rapid response to the scene and their prompt actions in providing CPR to the child. The police department further recognized and honored four community members, Patrick Kalamatas, Steven Green, Matthew Horist and Mark Kroencke, for their selfless acts of bravery and fast response in locating the child in the pond and starting CPR. All of these individuals were awarded the department's Award for Saving Human Life and are truly credited with saving the life of the child.

Sergeant Don Fowler, with his team, Officer Sean Feely, Officer Amanda Schmitt, Officer Louis Zenaty along with Detective Andrew Klem, were honored with the department's Unit Citation Award. These officers received this award for their outstanding performance that day in managing a critical incident with the highest degree of professionalism and compassion.

In addition, the police department presented Public Safety Telecommunicators Matthew Krows, Aschli Palczynski, Lisa Mattson, and Kathleen Menzel with the department's Unit Citation Award. These telecommunicators received the award for their exceptional performance that day in providing key communications to all the first responders involved in the incident.

The Lake in the Hills Police Department is very thankful to everyone involved who made it possible for this child to be alive today.

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Recipients of Unit Citation Award

Pictured from left: Detective Andrew Klem, Officer Sean Feely, Sergeant Donald Fowler, Officer Amanda Schmitt, Officer Louis Zenaty



SEECOM telecommunicators with officers

Pictured from left: Officer Jay Recchia, Matthew Krows, Lisa Mattson, Aschli Palczynski, Kathleen Menzel, Officer Christina Busby, Officer Amanda Schmitt, Officer Louis Zenaty, Sergeant Donald Fowler, Officer Sean Feely, Detective John Arient

Not pictured: Detective Andrew Klem

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Recipients of Award for Saving Human Life

***Pictured from left:** Matthew Horist, Mark Kroencke, Officer Jay Recchia, Steven Green, Detective John Arient, Officer Christina Busby, Patrick Kalamatas.*

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