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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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File No.

2111 West Roosevelt Road
Chicago, Illinois 60608

June 9, 2021

Chief Nicholas Pecora
Arlington Heights Police Department
200 E. Sigwalt Street
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Dear Chief Pecora:

On behalf of the Chicago Division of the FBI, I would like to commend Sergeant Piotr Gacek, Detective Andrew Gatz and Officer Jessica Chojnowski of the Arlington Heights Police Department for the outstanding assistance they provided to our North Resident Agency office.

In January 2021, the FBI was investigating an active kidnapping matter in Mexico and needed to interview the prime suspect, but was having difficulty locating her. She lived in Arlington Heights and did not speak English. On very short notice, AHPD officers assisted in locating the suspect as she arrived home. They immediately called the agents, spoke with her and waited at her apartment for agents to arrive. AHPD was integral in conducting interviews, providing Spanish translation and cell phone extraction and analysis.

Please pass along our appreciation for their quick, professional assistance for a job well done. The Chicago FBI greatly values its relationship with the Arlington Heights Police Department, and looks forward to continued collaboration.

Sincerely,



SAC Emmerson Buie Jr.
Special Agent in Charge

Prospect Heights Police Department

James J. Dunne • Chief of Police

November 3, 2014

Chief Gerald S. Mourning
Arlington Heights Police Department
200 E. Sigwalt Street
Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Dear Chief Mourning:

In the early morning of Monday, November 3, 2014 our officers were dispatched to a residential fire at [REDACTED]. Arlington Heights Police officers also arrived to help contain the scene and control traffic. We were notified of the possibility of another child living in the home that we were unable to locate. Later that morning, we were dispatched regarding a possible location of the missing subject, and at approximately 8:30 a.m., Arlington Heights Officer James McGrath responded and located the missing subject in Arlington Heights.

On behalf of the Prospect Heights Police Department, I would like to commend Officer James Harkins #257, Officer Jessica Blanco #322, Officer Michael Orlando #308, Officer Timothy Scanlan #321, Officer Nelson Calzadilla # 278 and Officer James McGrath #221 of the Arlington Heights Police Department for their assistance to our department during this incident. Their exhibition of professionalism and cooperation is a credit to the Arlington Heights Police Department.

Sincerely,

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James J. Dunne
Chief of Police

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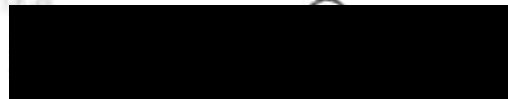
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT
DISTINGUISHED PERFORMANCE
CITATION

This Certificate is hereby awarded to:

Officer Jessica Chojnowski #322

In recognition of your courage and aptitude in delivering first aid in the form of NARCAN to a drug overdose victim, you were instrumental in providing a life-saving measure that successfully corrected a potential casualty.

Case No. 19-21262
Providing life-saving first aid



Presented by Deputy Chief Shawn Gyorke
April 13, 2020



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Chief Pecora,

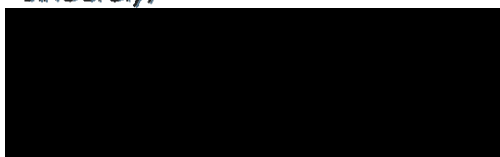
I am reaching on behalf of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission to provide a commendation to your officers who helped plan and staff the Community Bike Ride on May 18th, 2024. A special thanks to Sergeant Russel Mandel who did a lot of the planning for the bike ride. He also took time out of his week to meet with the Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission to help plan the ride and provide valuable input.

We would also like to thank the Police Officers that provided support on bicycles, motorcycles, and cars during the community bike ride to ensure safety along the route through Arlington Heights. Thanks to the Arlington Heights police officers the ride was successful and made for a great community event for all participants. It was nice seeing the police officers engage with the community during the ride while also providing support and blocking traffic. The community bike ride continues to grow, with 2024 probably our largest turnout ever because of the hard work of the police.

Lastly, we appreciate the social media assistance from the Police Department that helped to attract over 300 participants to the 2024 event.

The Commission looks forward to a continued partnership with the Arlington Heights Police Department as we plan the 2025 Community Bike Ride and other bike and pedestrian initiatives this year.

Sincerely,



Richard Lenski
Chair
Arlington Heights Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT


DISTINGUISHED PERFORMANCE CITATION

This Certificate is hereby awarded to:

Officer Jessica Chojnowski #322

*In recognition to your dedication, attention to detail,
and thoroughness, you were instrumental in
obtaining key evidence which led to the arrest
of an offender in a Criminal Sexual Assault.*

Case No. 23-024943
Criminal Sexual Assault


Presented by Deputy Chief Joseph Pinnello
April 25, 2025