

Commendation



BRAVERY

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

On June 10, 2021, at 11:56 AM, the Lower Providence Township Police Department received a 9-1-1 call from a witness advising that a Lower Providence Township Code Enforcement Officer was being chased by a male with a gun at 4045 Cardin Place. The incident began when the Code Enforcement Officer arrived on location to perform an inspection at the home for known hoarding conditions. As Code Enforcement entered the residence, the homeowner, Thomas Razzi, displayed a firearm and acted aggressively toward the Code Enforcement Officer. Fortunately, the Code Enforcement Officer was able to exit the residence and get to safety.

Within minutes, Sergeant Matthew L. Kuhnert and Officer Matthew M. Barber arrived on scene and confronted Thomas Razzi in front of his home. The officers ordered Razzi, who was not displaying a weapon at the time, to stop but he retreated into his home, and slammed the door behind him. Additional police officers, including Corporal Robert Heim and Officer Reginald Nealy arrived on scene and established a perimeter around Razzi's residence. Moments later, loud explosions and gunfire was heard from within Razzi's residence. The residence quickly became engulfed in flames and the officers immediately developed a plan to safely evacuate the residents in the surrounding homes. Sergeant Kuhnert, Corporal Heim, Officer Nealy, and Officer Barber along with West Norriton Township Police Officer Brian Bishop, Collegeville Borough Police Officer John Barnshaw, and Bridgeport Borough Police Officer William Murphy efficiently and safely evacuated the residents from nearby homes. The officers were able to accomplish this task under dangerous and difficult circumstances with no injuries to residents or emergency responders. After safely evacuating the residents, the officers remained on scene and provided security for fire personnel, who were called to suppress the building fire that destroyed several homes.

Your participation in this incident represents an outstanding accomplishment in the protection of life and property. This accomplishment was made because of teamwork with decisive and professional actions, strategies, tactics, and bravery. Accordingly, this Bravery Commendation is being conferred upon you in conformance with General Order 303 before the Board of Supervisors of Lower Providence Township on this 21st Day of October 2021.

By Order Of,

Michael Jackson
Chief of Police