

# Commendation



## **DISTINGUISHED UNIT**

### **LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Lieutenant William R. Hopkins, Sergeant Michael J. Higgins, Sergeant Ryan W. Singleton, Detective Scott Dreibelbis, Detective Charles T. King, Detective Michael Nastasi and Fire Marshal Michael Rohlfing**

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, members of the Lower Providence Township Police Department arrived on location and established a perimeter. Moments later, loud explosions and gunfire was heard from within Razzi's residence. The residence quickly became engulfed in flames and the officers immediately identified a command post location, requested assistance from other agencies, and developed a plan to safely evacuate the residents in the surrounding homes.

Lieutenant William R. Hopkins, Sergeant Michael J. Higgins, Sergeant Ryan W. Singleton, Detective Scott Dreibelbis, Detective Charles T. King, Detective Michael Nastasi and Fire Marshal Michael Rohlfing quickly responded and worked together to expand the perimeter, establish the command post, funnel resources to the officers on scene and assist with safely evacuating and reuniting displaced residents. The actions of these individuals and the many emergency responders that responded to this incident ensured that all residents were safely evacuated without injury and reunited with their families.

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 Distinguished Unit Citation is being conferred upon you in conformance with General Order 303 before the Board of Supervisors of Lower Providence Township on this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of October 2021.

By Order Of,

Michael Jackson  
Chief of Police