



LOMBARD POLICE DEPARTMENT



LETTER OF APPRECIATION

To: Janet Luberda

From: Ray Byrne - Chief of Police

Re: Medical Case (10-0202-3978)

At approximately 11:42 PM on February 2nd, officers from the midnight shift received a call from a concerned parent about their daughter having suicidal thoughts. The parents felt strongly that their daughter was going to the train tracks near Westmore Avenue in order to carry out her thoughts. A description was broadcast on the female including her height, weight, physical and clothing description. It was at this time that Janet viewed her camera at the front desk and saw a person standing on the train platform near Main Street potentially matching the description of the female. Janet contacted DuComm who in turn contacted officers who responded to the train depot. It was there that the officers confronted a male subject, who was mentally ill and was planning on committing suicide by train. Due to the quick actions of Janet and the officers, this tragedy was averted.

I would like to take this time to recognize front desk clerk Janet Luberda for her quick action and attentiveness while working the front desk. So often we overlook the work of our front desk clerks and the value that they bring to the success of the shift and the department. In this case, Janet paid attention to the radio traffic, including the description, and immediately looked at her cameras to see if she could assist on this call. Janet is a valuable member of the night shift, always on time, and always attentive to the needs of the officers. This incident and Janet's actions are a positive example for others to recognize and the department to recognize.

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