



Scottsdale Police Department's Moments of Truth



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Commendation for **Officer Tim Finn**

My wife and I were having lunch today when she received a call on her cell phone telling her that she had left the keys in her car with the engine running (she is the last person I would ever expect to make a mistake like that, but she had had a tough day so her being distracted was understandable). We ran over to where the car was located in the Nordstrom's parking lot and found Officer Tim Finn there. I am not sure how he had gotten my wife's cell phone number, especially since the car was registered in my name and we do not have the same last name, but he had, and had stayed with the car until we could get there. When we got there Officer Finn was very pleasant and professional in his dealings with us.

I thought Officer Finn went above and beyond what one might usually expect in that situation, and we are both very grateful to him for his having done so. As I said in an email I sent to Officer Finn, it is that kind of dedication that makes Scottsdale a great place to live.

*Bruce Washburn
City Attorney*

Commendation for **Ofc McCabe**

Sgt. Zobel -

I wanted to make you aware of an incident that occurred on 06-17-2010 that went largely unnoticed due to all the personnel changes, temporary assignments and training initiatives the last few months. The matter is also easy to overlook as it involves the life-saving efforts of Ofc. McCabe and a criminal offender.

On 06-17-2010, Ofc. McCabe and Ofc. Beck responded to 6445 E Gary Rd reference a family disturbance in-progress (DR 10-15063). The victim had called PD to report her husband "screaming" at her while intoxicated. On arrival, Ofc. McCabe made contact with the victim as he observed a male subject mowing lawn in the backyard in a drunken state.

As Ofc. McCabe moved to make contact, he observed the incapacitated subject inadvertently fall into the in-ground, backyard pool while fully dressed. Subject's wife then advised (in panic) that her husband was not able to swim.

Ofc. McCabe instructed subject to stand-up to gain his footing. The subject, appearing disoriented, began to frantically swinging his arms in an attempt to swim but was unable to gain his footing due to his intoxication. The subject's head was positioned so as to make breathing impossible.



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Ofc. McCabe, in full uniform and with all of his equipment, jumped into the pool and pulled subject's head out of the water to permit breathing. Subject was still not able to gain his footing requiring Ofc. McCabe to assist him to the side of the pool. He fought Ofc. McCabe in an apparent panic during the entire episode.

I wanted to "nominate" Ofc. McCabe for a life-saving award for his quick-action and composure that resulted in saving a man whom others on scene may not have had the strength to rescue. In my opinion, Ofc. McCabe's actions are exemplary, inspiring and deserving of recognition.

Submitted by Ofc. A. Manore (1204)

Impressive work, **Officer Nancy Ochoa and PCIS Specialist Natalie Summit**

I'm writing to express my appreciation to your Police Department and those members who provided assistance to me and my family on the evening of October 8th, 2010. I called requesting assistance fearing that my son in Scottsdale, appeared suicidal and in need of help. Being from out state, I was unable to check on him myself. From the dispatcher that took my call, understood my concern as a parent and immediately took action, to the officer that finally located him and was kind enough to call me repeated during the search and finally, to Natalie, who saw that he ended up in the care of friends able to watch over him. The matter was handled with utmost professionalism. But beyond that there simply was a sense of "caring" that truly helped to ease the stress and sense of helplessness that I was experiencing.

*My sincere thanks to all involved.
Signed a grateful father from Irvine CA*

Email from Sgt John Zobel to Lt. Chris Hall

*I just received a phone call from a citizen who wanted to commend **Officer Keith Nelson** for the way he went above and beyond. He explained that his vehicle had broken down at Shea and 92nd Street and he was only able to get it pushed into the bus pull out. He stated that Ofc Nelson showed up and was able to determine that the battery cable had come loose. Ofc. Nelson got some tools from his car and was able to restore the cable. If that wasn't enough, he then followed the citizen back to his house on Raintree to make sure that he didn't have any further problems.*



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This citizen was elated that Ofc. Nelson took the time and cared enough. He literally saved him hundreds of dollars in towing and repair fees but more importantly, he legitimately cared about this citizen's well being.

In light of recent discussions about the state of economy and bleak outlook, it is comforting to know that we will continue to give the level of service that we do to our citizens and visitors. And this is just another example of the quality and care that we strive for each and every day that makes living in Scottsdale desirable.

Thank you Keith for making us all look good!

This article was in the Scottsdale Republic's Editorial section

Thanks to helpful officer -

*A Scottsdale police officer driving by stopped to help when two cars were stopped on the southbound entry lane to Loop 101 at Shea Boulevard. His name is **Officer Z. Dylong**.*

A lady driving next to me had banged into my car and we were waiting for the highway patrol to arrive. It could have been a dangerous spot because people were entering the freeway at the that curve and didn't see our cars there until they were almost on top of us. It was scary, and the officer helped what could have been a huge pileup from happening.

Thank you, Officer Dylong for coming along and for stopping!
-Joan Sheff and Tracy Sorenson

Officer Dylong, thanks for a great job. You obviously made a great impression!

An email reference Camelot's 2nd **Scottsdale PD Mounted Unit** Clinic

Hello everyone and Happy just after Thanksgiving wish to you all! I wanted to send a warm and heartfelt thank you to everyone that worked so hard to make Camelot's 2nd Scottsdale Police Mounted Unit Desensitizing Clinic such a huge success! I hope everyone that came had a fantastic time, I know I did.

To the Camelot volunteers, policemen and wranglers ~ thanks are just not enough! We had a fun filled day and it appeared to me that everyone really enjoyed themselves. I appreciate all the work and time you gave for Camelot and our program.



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Again, my thanks to all! I hope you walked away with fond memories and some fun ideas for activities for you and your horse to try at home.

*Ride Safe and Happy Trails,
Mary Hadsall
Executive Director
Camelot Therapeutic Horsemanship*

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- *An email thanking **D3 and the Via Linda Patrol Section** for donations to Vista Del Camino*

Commander Haenel,

It was such a delight to see you on Friday with your supply of \$850.00 worth of \$50.00 gift cards in tote to benefit our Adopt-A-Family Program families in need. At this time of year, I am often a witness to the generosity in that exists in our community – and feel so privileged to be a part of the annual renewal that comes with the Holiday Season. Without fail I am impressed by the many Scottsdale Police Department officers and staff who spend day in and out working to protect the safety of the public and do some of the most demanding work there is, yet who so often dig just a little deeper and are the first to come to the aid of those in need financially too. Perhaps your group, more than most, deals with the tragedies of life – my hope is that our work at Vista del Camino can be an extension of the good work you do for folks in crisis. I am so honored to know you – and to accept your and your employee's donation on behalf of the people we serve.

You and your Via Linda Patrol are to be commended for such a great success in your efforts to meet our ever growing demand for assistance and for this more than generous donation! The contributions of your team will go a long way in our goal to serve 500 families and to share some happiness over the Holidays. THANK YOU so very much.

*With wishes to you and your patrol for all of the best this Holiday Season,
Kathy Breen
Human Services Manager,
Vista del Camino Social Services, Community Center and Park*