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2020 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

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Handler Name: CRAIG REKOSKI

K-9 Name: REKON

Agency: SHAWANO COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

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Handler of the Year - Rookie Handler of the Year - Meritorious Apprehension - Meritorious

Meritorious Track with Apprehension - Meritorious Track - Meritorious Narcotics

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To WLECHA Award Committee,

I would like to nominate Deputy Craig Rekoske and his canine partner Rekon for the Meritorious Apprehension Award for 2020. On October 4, 2019 Shawano County Deputies were out with a traffic crash and took a male to a local hospital. At approximately 0930 am, the male party fled the hospital against medical advice to avoid going to jail after "ripping out his IV." A short time later, a Wisconsin State Patrol Trooper located the male party in the city of Shawano. Deputy Rekoske and K9 Rekon were 2 blocks away when they observed the male lift up the trooper and slam him to the ground. The suspect gained a position of advantage by kneeling on the Trooper, covering the trooper with the suspect's body.

Deputy Rekoske arrived on scene and immediately removed K9 Rekon. As the suspect was raising his arm to strike the Trooper in the head or neck area, K9 Rekon was directed to apprehend and bit the raised arm of the suspect. Deputy Rekoske immediately attempted to gain control of the suspect by securing his upper body and head. The Trooper was under the suspect and Deputy Rekoske could not see if the Trooper was breathing or seriously injured. While not being able to communicate with the Trooper and not knowing if the Trooper was ok, Deputy Rekoske gave directed elbow strikes to upper body area of the suspect.

After approximately 5 to 6 strikes, the Trooper was able to remove himself from underneath the suspect. The injured Trooper and Deputy Rekoske attempted to take the suspect into custody. The suspect began attempting to harm the canine by grasping at K9 Rekon's neck area. During the entire time, K9 Rekon did not come off the bite and was able to be called off the bite after the suspect was taken into custody.

It is clear in my mind that without the prompt response from Canine Rekon and Deputy Rekoske, the outcome of this incident could have ended drastically different. The suspect was arrested and charged with the following:

- 946.41 Obstructing/Resisting
- 947.01 Disorderly Conduct
- 940.20(2) Battery to Law Enforcement x3
- 943.01(1) Criminal Damage to Property
- 951.095(1)(b) Harassment of Police Animal

Thank you for considering Deputy Rekoske and Canine Rekon for the Meritorious Apprehension Award.

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