



Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handler Association

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2019 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Please complete this form and submit with your nomination letter to:

WLECHA
c/o Award Nominations
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Handler Name: SCOTT SALZMANN
K-9 Name: PYRO
Agency: GREEN BAY POLICE

Category (Please circle one per form)

Handler of the Year - Rookie Handler of the Year - Meritorious Apprehension - Meritorious Article Find
Meritorious Track with Apprehension - Meritorious Track - Meritorious Narcotics Find

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Membership must be current to be eligible for an award

All nominations must be postmarked or submitted by e-mail by August 15th, 2019 to be accepted

Canine teams may be submitted for multiple awards.

Please submit separate nominations for each category.



GREEN BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT

K9 UNIT

Lt. Jody Buth

Lt. Mike Sobieck

5/3/18

To: WLECHA Awards Committee

I would like to nominate Officer Scott Salzman and K9 Pyro for the meritorious apprehension of the year award.

On April 7, 2019, officers of the Green Bay Police Department were dispatched to a call where the subject was calling 911 stating he had a firearm and was going to shoot his father who was also in the home with him. The subject further stated he had a 9mm handgun and he was going to go shoot his father right now. He also stated that if officers showed up he was going to go outside and shoot at officers as well.

Officers responded along with Officer Salzman and K9 Pyro. The subject exited the home, appeared unarmed, and was walking toward officers on perimeter around the property. Officers gave commands for the subject to stop approaching them but the male refused to comply. The male continued to walk closer to officers and ignore their commands to get on the ground. K9 Pyro was barking at the male and he was given warnings that he would be bit. The male then started slowly backing up towards the residence, fearing the male was going to retreat and arm himself, K9 Pyro was ordered to engage the subject. K9 Pyro engaged the subject in the right upper chest area and spun the male around. As the male was spinning around the, the male retrieved and knife out of his waistband and stabbed K9 Pyro. K9 Pyro had let go of the subject while being stabbed, but immediately reengaged and knocked the subject to the ground. The subject continued to stab Pyro and Pyro continued to reengage the suspect until officers' tased the subject at which point they were able to take him into custody.

K9 Pyro was rushed to an emergency vet due to several stab wounds to his neck. The next several days Pyro underwent surgeries and numerous blood transfusions to stop the bleeding. Two weeks after being stabbed, K9 Pyro returned to work on "light duty".

I am nominating K9 Pyro and Officer Scott Salzman for the Meritorious Apprehension of the year award due to Pyro's drive to keep fighting, even after being stabbed. Furthermore, Pyro's engagement with the subject likely prevented officers from being involved in an officer involved shooting.

Respectfully,

Lt Mike Sobieck
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