Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department

Media Information Release

Fairfax County Valor Awards

From left to right: Deputy Chief Dan Janickey, MPO Greg Hylinski, PFC Alex Murray, PFC Emily Lichtenberg, and Chief Jim Morris.

On March 30, 2023, at a luncheon at the Reston Hyatt Hotel, the Reston Chamber of Commerce recognized Fairfax County Public Safety officers for acts of valor over the past year. Being honored at this ceremony were also 3 Town of Vienna Police Officers.

In the early morning hours of October 7, 2021, **PFC Emily Lichtenberg and PFC Alex Murray** from the Town of Vienna Police Department responded to the Navy Federal Credit Union located at 820 Follin Lane. Upon arrival, they determined that two individuals got into an

argument while inside a vehicle, during which one produced a handgun and shot the other in the upper body.

During the initial response, officers requested the assistance of Fairfax County's helicopter and K-9 units. PFCs Lichtenberg and Murray helped to contain the scene and began the hunt for the armed suspect. During the search of the surrounding area, "Fairfax One" (helicopter) located a heat source that appeared to be a person hiding in the bushes near the W&OD trail. Almost simultaneously, the K-9 unit alerted on the same area. Coming from the direction of the heat source, officers heard the sound of a handgun being manipulated and the distinct sound of the slide of a gun being racked and slamming into battery. At that time, officers suspected that they had been spotted and the suspect was moving into a position to ambush them.

After taking cover and coordinating a plan, officers moved in and surprised the suspect causing him to lose balance and fall down a hill adjacent to the W&OD trail. During the fall, the suspect lost control of his handgun and was taken into custody. At the time of his arrest, the suspect was found to be in possession of a fully loaded Glock handgun.

In recognition of their outstanding efforts, PFC Lichtenberg and PFC Murray were presented with a Silver Medal of Valor. This is the second highest level of the Valor awards.

Also honored at the March 30 ceremony was Vienna Police Officer **MPO Greg Hylinski.** MPO Hylinski was working an assignment at the Navy Federal Credit Union when he was notified that an employee had collapsed and was unresponsive. MPO Hylinski went to the scene and located the victim. MPO Hylinski immediately began lifesaving measures, which included CPR. When EMS arrived on scene, MPO Hylinski transferred care of the victim to them.

As treatment continued, MPO Hylinski began coordinating the on-scene response, which included determining the patient's identity and notifying the next of kin. MPO Hylinski maintained a composed and professional bearing as he began the preliminary investigation. MPO Hylinski's performance in this stressful situation was exemplary.

For his efforts, MPO Hylinski was presented with a Lifesaving Award by the Reston Chamber of Commerce.

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