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Firefighter Mike Matter

Fire Fighter Mike Matter saw the need for a utility trailer for the Department’s bicycle team. He found there was a utility trailer not being used, took the initiative, and repurposed this trailer so that it could be used for the bicycle team. He completed the work while on duty using existing materials so as to minimize costs. Because of this the project took months to complete. Mike never faltered in his dedication to complete the task and now the bicycle team has it’s own trailer. Mike, this is truly a, “Job well done.”



Officer Gordon Best

Officer Gordon Best responded to a call at one of the motels in the city. The caller reported there was an individual on the seventh floor of the motel who was threatening to harm himself. Officer Best entered the unit identified by the caller and found the individual on the balcony. Officer Best introduced himself and as he did the gentleman stood up, climbed on a chair, and started to jump. Officer Best was able to grab the man and pull him back onto the balcony. Gordon was able to establish a rapport with the individual and calm him; eventually convincing him to seek medical assistance. Officer Best's quick and selfless actions saved this individual's life. Gordon, this is truly a, "Job well done."



Sergeant John Griffin

Recently, a family visiting our area had the occasion to meet Sergeant Griffin. The following describes their interaction.

My husband and I and our 7 year old grandson were at Horry's Restaurant on Rt. 17 having dinner with my brother and his wife, who live in Myrtle Beach. My grandson had a toy sheriff's badge pinned on him that we had just bought that day and that he was very proud of. As we were leaving the restaurant we met Sgt. John Griffin at the counter who was picking up a take out order. My grandson showed him the sheriff badge and Sgt. Griffin took the time to speak to our grandson and comment on his sheriff badge and gave our grandson a department coin. Sgt. Griffin told our grandson to keep it with him to help keep him safe as it had kept the Sgt. safe and for our grandson to call him if he ever had any questions or problems with bullies, drugs or anything. Sgt. Griffin spent at least 15 or more minutes speaking to our grandson. He also gave our grandson his card and told him to call him anytime for any reason if he needed to and told our grandson to call him "Big John" because that's what his friends call him and our grandson was now his friend. I can't tell you how much this impressed our grandson, he has kept

that coin in his pocket since that day. He now wants to be a police officer and talks about law and order all the time! We were very impressed ourselves with the time and attention that Sgt. Griffin showed to our grandson and very happy that he took the time to speak to him and make such a positive impression on him.

John, this is truly a, "Job well done



These employees' actions are best described by the citizen's letter which follows.

My family and I stayed at Cherry Grove Beach in North Myrtle Beach last week. Upon returning home on Saturday, I realized that I left my engagement ring and wedding ring set in the condo. I contacted the realty company whom I asked to retrieve my rings. I told the realty company precisely where I left my rings. After multiple phone calls with the realty company, they told me they sent someone to look for my rings and they were not there. I feared that my rings may have been stolen because I was absolutely certain that they were exactly where I described. So, I called the North Myrtle Beach Police Department. I spoke to Officer Best at 6:50 p.m. on Saturday and explained to him what happened. He assured me that before the end of that night he would search the condo unit. In less than one hour, Officer Best called me back to tell me he located my rings precisely where I told him they were. He explained that he was turning my rings over to the property/evidence custodian, Chris Sengle and he gave me her contact information. I called Ms. Sengle on Monday and requested that she overnight my rings to me with insurance on the package. I told her that I would pay for the shipping charges, but she told me it was a "service" of their department to return my rings to me. I received my rings today. I wanted to let you know that these two people, Officer Best and Ms. Sengle, were both extraordinarily kind to me. My mind was put at ease after my conversations with them, knowing they were taking care of these invaluable rings for me. Please extend my sincerest thanks to them for helping me. Officer Best, Chris Sengle this is truly a, "Job well done.



Detention Officer Latorya Jackson

Officer Latorya Jackson, while looking at the J Reuben Long Detention Center's website, noticed a name that she had seen before. Officer Jackson believed the arrestee she saw on the website had active warrants issued by the City of North Myrtle Beach. After checking, Officer Jackson found there were three active arrest warrants for narcotics violations for the arrestee. Officer Latorya Jackson immediately contacted the patrol division and had the J Reuben Long Detention Center hold the suspect so the Department could serve the active warrants. The warrants, which were six years old, were served on the suspect. Officer Jackson, "Job well done."



Fire Lieutenant James Vreeland

Officers Burchette and Blackwood were called to a local restaurant in reference to a wanted person. It was found the subject was wanted out of our agency for several burglaries. The suspect began to resist the officers attempt to arrest him in the crowded restaurant. Lt Vreeland happened to be in the restaurant while off duty and quickly came to the assistance of the officers. Both Officers said the situation would have been much worse if not for the quick action of Lt. Vreeland. Lieutenant Vreeland, "Job well done."



Detective Vant Abercrombie

During the month of May 2017, there were several reports of batteries being stolen from golf carts, while parked at beach accesses. After obtaining video footage from a resident on the Blvd., it was determined that the suspects were operating an older model, dark colored passenger van. On Saturday May 20, 2017, Detective Vant Abercrombie observed a van matching this description, driving on the Boulevard. Detective Abercrombie surveilled the vehicle for some time, until it eventually parked between two golf carts at the beach access located at 14th Avenue North. Detective Abercrombie, After interviewing the two individuals found they were the suspects in the earlier larcenies. one of the suspects confessed to being responsible for the previous thefts. Detective Abercrombie, "Job well done"



Lieutenant Justin Domogauer and Engineer Bryan Grady

On 2 different occasions these firefighters spent long hours organizing and ensuring all radios on the fire department side received a required radio update. In the case of the 2nd update, there was such short notice that the plan developed on the same day. Both members came in on their off days as soon as they received the call and operated into the night. This demonstrates the dedication this department is looking for.



Officer Michael Thrower

On May 17, 2017, a pedestrian was walking along Duffy Street in the area of 30th Avenue North when a vehicle struck her. The vehicle did not stop to provide assistance or call for help. Through diligent investigative work, Officer Thrower identified the vehicle and suspect who left the scene. Because of this investigation, the suspect was arrested, and charged with leaving the scene of the accident. Officer Thrower, "Job well done".

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