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IOWA'S HEROES — Jill Ohm



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On October 3, 2014, at approximately 5:09 in the afternoon, Officer Jill Ohm, Sioux City Police, was dispatched to a disturbance involving a subject that was possibly suicidal. Officer Ohm was only a couple blocks away when the call came out so she was on scene almost immediately. Officer Ohm had been dispatched to this residence countless times and chose to wait for cover that was coming from less than two miles away.

A male party then exited the residence and Officer Ohm initiated contact with him, not knowing if he was involved. This subject was being compliant with Officer Ohm and was following verbal directives. Officer Ohm had him sit down on a bumper of a truck while she attempted to get more information from him as well as from dispatch. Dispatch advised that they did not have any further information on the person she was looking for.

Without warning or provocation, the suspect pulled a handgun from his pocket and advanced on Officer Ohm, firing two shots at point blank range. One of the bullets struck Officer Ohm in the chin. Even after being shot in the face, Officer Ohm was able to show composure and controlled the scene. The other half of the disturbance had now exited the residence and she was able to control that person. This encounter, from the time of first contact with the suspect to the calling out of officer down, was less than two minutes.

Officer Ohm was able to not only control the scene but also relay the suspect's name, description and direction of travel to responding officers. Because of Officer Ohm's strength and courage under the most extreme situation, officers were able to set up a perimeter to help contain the suspect, thus potentially saving the life of any citizens in the area or other law enforcement officers.

After a four-hour manhunt, the suspect was taken into custody (within the perimeter initially set up). Officer Ohm is continuing to show her strength and courage on her long road of recovery.

The Iowa State Police Association thanks Officer Ohm for representing Iowa's law enforcement in a positive way. Thank you for being one of Iowa's Heroes!

If you know someone who deserves to be recognized as one of Iowa's Heroes, please contact us at ISPAonline@gmail.com.



Officer Jill Ohm

Officer Grant Stender (left) of the West Liberty Police Department receives the Distinguished Service Award by the City of West Liberty.

