



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

HONORING OFFICERS MICHAEL A. MCEVOY, KEVIN SULLIVAN, AND MICHAEL TURANO AND INTERIM FIRE CHIEF KENNETH KOEPPEN FOR THEIR BRAVERY AND SERVICE ON DECEMBER 12, 2013

WHEREAS, on the evening of December 12, 2013, Officer Michael A. McEvoy responded to a 9-1-1 call reporting a man with a gun at a townhome in the 1900 block of Windham Court in Arlington Heights; and

WHEREAS, Officer McEvoy, as the first officer on the scene, approached a service entrance through an open garage door and, immediately upon entering the entrance, came under gunfire; and

WHEREAS, Officer McEvoy sustained a gunshot wound through the neck; and

WHEREAS, upon arriving at the scene moments later, Officer Kevin Sullivan immediately - and without regard for his own safety - entered the garage, grabbed Officer McEvoy by the leg and attempted to pull him to safety; and

WHEREAS, Officers Michael Turano and Douglas Glanz, upon arriving at the scene and also without regard for his own safety, quickly entered the garage and assisted Officer Sullivan in pulling Officer McEvoy out of the residence to safety behind a patrol vehicle at the end of the driveway; and

WHEREAS, Fire Chief Kenneth Koeppen, visiting a relative a few blocks away, heard the commotion, and rushed from his family gathering to offer assistance; and

WHEREAS, Chief Koeppen, as the first medical officer on the scene, began administering first aid to Officer McEvoy with the assistance of Officers Turano and Glanz, applying direct pressure to the wound and significantly slowing the bleeding; and

WHEREAS, Officer Sullivan maintained cover of Officers Glanz, Turano and Chief Koeppen as they worked to stem Officer McEvoy's bleeding until paramedics arrived; and

WHEREAS, police officers and SWAT team members, knowing that the assailant had a hostage, attempted to negotiate with him until circumstances required them to take action while, at the same time, the hostage was rescued unharmed; and

WHEREAS, the quick and heroic response by Officer Michael A. McEvoy, Officer Kevin Sullivan, Officer Michael Turano, Officer Douglas Glanz, and Interim Fire Chief Ken Koeppen, as well as all of the first responders involved in this incident, demonstrates the dedication of police and firefighters in Cook County and exemplifies the finest tradition of the Arlington Heights Police and Fire Departments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize and honor all the responders involved in this incident for their display of bravery in the face of grave personal peril; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners expresses immeasurable gratitude to all first responders involved in this incident for their remarkable courage and honor

which has contributed to enhancing the safety and security of our local jurisdictions, Cook County and our region.