

Team Merit Award 2009

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As the early hours of February 13, 2009 rolled around, calls had finally slowed down. It had been a busy night, but it looked as if there would be a few minutes rest at last. At 3:30am, a call came in. A woman on the other end began begging for help, telling the dispatcher she had been stabbed.

As the caller desperately tried to relay her location and whatever information she could, another operator began dispatching help. The situation remained unclear as the caller began to beg for help, telling the dispatcher she thought she was dying.

The call was transferred to EMS for pre-arrival instructions, but the caller was of little help. She did not know where she had been stabbed or how many times. She kept saying she was “stabbed everywhere” and she was “bleeding from everywhere.” She was instructed to stay on the line. EMS was told they were able to approach the victim. An officer was soon on the scene. The dispatcher could hear the officer yelling to “get EMS now!”

The caller disconnected at the same time EMS did. The dispatcher called back and the caller began trying to tell her who stabbed her. As the officer tended to the victim, it became clear she was not the only one. There was a friend staying at her house who had also been stabbed. He was laying in the front yard.

Officers forced entry into the home. Through a locked glass door, the officers can see inside. There was blood everywhere. Once again the line disconnected. This time, when the line reconnected, an officer was in the background yelling for the police.

As the victims were tended to, other officers attempted to track down the suspect. Running records, the suspect’s most recent information was found, including his vehicle description. It turns out he was a registered sex offender, living in a nearby city. The appropriate agencies were notified to be on the lookout for the suspect.

By the end of the shift, he has still not been located. Around 7:30am, his abandoned vehicle was found close to the scene of the crime. Later that day, he was found hiding at his mother's house in a nearby town. He was arrested without incident.

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