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Two at the Marysville Post Awarded Superintendent's Citation of Merit for swift actions during shooting incident

Dispatcher awarded Certificate of Recognition

MARYSVILLE – Two sworn officers from the Marysville Post of the Ohio State Highway Patrol were honored today for their swift actions to confront an active shooter who was exchanging gunfire with officers following a pursuit that resulted from a domestic incident. A dispatcher was also honored for his assistance in coordinating efforts during the incident.

Sgt. Michael K. Hasson and Tpr. James W. Bryner were presented the highest form of honor; the Superintendent's Citation of Merit Award, and Dispatcher Jason Kidder was presented the Certificate of Recognition by Major Christopher Minter, the Patrol's Interim Superintendent, at a ceremony at the Marysville Post today.

On August 10, 2010, Sgt. Hasson and Tpr. Bryner were initially dispatched to assist officers from the Union County Sheriff's Office with an active domestic incident then subsequently aided in the pursuit of a suspect in Union County. The suspect, who was armed with a shotgun, had fled his residence after a dispute with his father. Officers disabled two tires on the suspect's vehicle and were ultimately successful in ending the pursuit near a north-side neighborhood in the city of Marysville.

The suspect exited his vehicle and began firing at officers with the shotgun. Sgt. Hasson and Tpr. Bryner directly responded in the midst of the gunfire and engaged the suspect at close range to help stop his aggression. The suspect was seriously wounded in the exchange. The officers then provided first aid until they were relieved by emergency medical personnel. The suspect later died as a result of his injuries. The local community has expressed gratitude publicly, through numerous news publications, for the officers' actions to preserve the public's safety while placing their own lives at great risk by confronting the armed suspect.

Dispatcher Jason Kidder was dispatching during the incident. He remained calm allowing him to make the appropriate telephone contacts and direct units to the proper locations. His response to the incident ultimately resulted in the successful coordination of personnel and resources.

Sgt. Hasson joined the Patrol in as a member of the 132nd class and earned his commission in October 1998. He was assigned to the Marysville post and in June 2001 transferred to the West Jefferson Post. In January 2006 he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and transferred to the Springfield Post to serve as an assistant post commander. In August 2006 he transferred back to his current assignment at the Marysville Post. Sgt. Hasson currently resides in Milford Center with his wife, Jami.

Tpr. Bryner joined the Patrol in May 2009 as a member of the 149th Academy Class. He earned his commission in December of that year and was assigned to his current location at the Marysville Post. He currently resides in Columbus.

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Dispatcher Kidder joined the patrol in November 2009 as a dispatcher at the Springfield Dispatch Center. In August 2010 he transferred to his current location as a Dispatch Traveler at the Piqua Dispatch Center. Dispatcher Kidder currently resides in Russells Point with his wife Stacy and two young children.

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