

# ARLINGTON HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

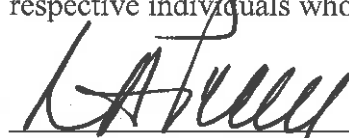
**To:** Chief Gerald S. Mourning  
**From:** Deputy Chief Nicholas A. Pecora, Jr.  
**Date:** August 2, 2017  
**Subject:** Department recognition of 1 staff member and 4 citizens

Attached please find five awards recommended for presentation at the August 7, 2017 Village Board of Trustees meeting.

The first award is presented to Officer Adam Plawer for his actions in removing a motorist from a burning car after a traffic accident.

The next four awards are in recognition of the assistance rendered to a person attacked by another with a chain saw. Four employees of businesses adjacent to the crime scene acted in concert to rescue the victim and control the bleeding from a traumatic injury.

In addition to the certificates, there is a summary of each incident highlighting the efforts of the respective individuals who are worthy of our recognition.



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NICHOLAS A. PECORA, JR.  
Deputy Chief of Police  
Administrative Services Division

## **LIFE SAVING AWARD**

Presented to: Officer Adam Plawer

In summary:

On Thursday June 28, 2017 at approximately 10PM, the driver and sole occupant of a motor vehicle suffered an apparent medical episode just south of the intersection of Arlington Heights and Palatine Roads. Her SUV left the roadway and impacted a wooden utility pole during a significant rain event.

Witnesses called 911 to report the incident. Arlington Heights Police and Fire Department personnel were dispatched to the scene. Officer Adam Plawer was on patrol and in the immediate vicinity. He arrived to find flames had engulfed the engine compartment. Officer Plawer assessed the situation and determined there was a single occupant who appeared to be unconscious behind the wheel, still wearing a seatbelt and further restrained by an inflated air bag. The SUV was locked, preventing Officer Plawer from opening the door. Without regard for his personal safety, Officer Plawer broke the driver's side window with his baton to unlock the door. He deflated the air bag and unbuckled the driver. She was carefully, yet expeditiously removed as smoke began to fill the SUV.

Officer Plawer removed the victim to a safe distance. AHFD paramedics arrived on scene and initiated emergency medical care.

The brave and heroic actions exhibited by Officer Plawer are certainly worthy of recognition. A Life Saving award is presented to Officer Adam Plawer for taking action to successfully remove a young lady from imminent danger while exposing himself to significant personal risk.

# ARLINGTON HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT LIFESAIVING AWARD

*This Certificate is hereby awarded to:*

***Officer Adam Plawer #316***

*In recognition of your attention to duty and heroic actions with disregard for your own personal safety while saving the life of another. Your actions are in keeping with the quality of performance and high standards of a law enforcement officer and reflect great credit upon the  
Arlington Heights Police Department*

*Reference: 28 June 2017  
Case No. 17-14411  
Accident with Entrapment*

*Presented by Chief Gerald Mouning  
This 7th Day of August 2017*