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Officer Brady Sorrells of Frankfort is Awarded the Police Officer of the Year Award



Pictured Above: Officer Brady Sorrells of Frankfort Police Department accepting his award.

Indianapolis, IN (February 17, 2014) —The Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) held their annual awards ceremony last month during the IACP Mid-Winter Conference. Among the honorees, was Officer Brady Sorrells of Frankfort Police Department, winner of the 2013 Police Officer of the Year Award.

Indiana has a wealth of law enforcement professionals who go above and beyond the call of duty in pursuit of excellence. The IACP holds an annual awards ceremony in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Conference, to honor and promote excellence within the Indiana Law Enforcement community.

On October 31, 2013, Officer Brady Sorrells was assisting Officer Cesar Munoz, Lieutenant Randy Emery and Clinton County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Joey Mitchell investigate an armed juvenile threatening his mother with a knife.

The officers attempted to establish verbal communication with the juvenile outside the front door of the residence upon arrival and contained him.

Officers were extremely concerned for the juvenile's welfare as fresh blood was observed on the floor of the living room and his communication became faint. Mitchell and Sorrells made their way inside the residence's foyer to gain a visual on the juvenile. As Mitchell took up a tactical position, Sorrells provided cover. When Mitchell entered the foyer, he was confronted by the juvenile, who was armed with a knife. In fear for his life, Mitchell deployed his electronic control device, but it was ineffective. Mitchell alerted the other officers and attempted to retreat. As Mitchell was moving backwards, he became pinned against an interior wall and was unable to draw his service weapon to protect himself and his fellow officers. Because of the small size of the foyer and the rapidly evolving chaos, none of the officers outside could get a clear shot with their service weapon to protect themselves or Mitchell.

Understanding the seriousness of the situation, Sorrells immediately grabbed the back of Mitchell's vest and pulled him from the foyer, freeing Mitchell and saving his life. The juvenile inside retreated and disengaged his attack. Due to successful negotiations, the suspect exited the residence and was taken into custody. According to officers on the scene, Sorrells saved Mitchell from being stabbed or killed that evening.

Troy Bacon, Chief of the Frankfort Police Department, nominated Sorrells for the 2013 Police Officer of the Year Award citing "his quick thinking, act of bravery and concern for the life of a fellow officer" as just a few of the reasons he is deserving of this award.

Patrol Lieutenant Randy Emery, who was on the scene with Sorrells, joined Chief Bacon in nominating Sorrells, stating, “Sorrells’ decisive and exemplary actions, displayed the highest standards of this profession, [and] resulted in a safe rescue of Sergeant Mitchell, whose life was in jeopardy, and in the apprehension of this dangerous male. Under duress, Officer Sorrells performed admirably and professionally through this highly stressful and emotional incident.” Sorrells has been a law enforcement officer for one year.

To see all the award winners from the IACP Mid-Winter Conference, please visit www.iacop.org.

About the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)

The Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police represents in excess of 95% of municipal law enforcement from around the state of Indiana and has been chartered since 1922. It and its sister foundation provide educational training and benefits to its nearly 500 members.

The mission of the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police is to promote professionalism, training and networking for the law enforcement executive and to enhance public awareness of law enforcement and public safety issues.

The Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police is an individual member organization consisting of ten local districts within the State of Indiana. Each District has its own elected two-year representative on the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors develops policies and programs for the membership as a whole. To learn more about the IACP, please visit www.iacop.org.

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