

East Fallowfield Township

Press Release



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Meritorious Service Award

East Fallowfield, Pa.: Officer David Marquette has been nominated to receive a meritorious service award for his actions on Friday, December 14, 2007, at 2:20 a.m. While on patrol during the midnight shift, he noticed a suspicious person outside a parked car at a vacant residence that has been the site of a recent arson attempt. Ofc. Marquette requested assistance and investigated. As he drove into the parking lot, he saw two suspects flee on foot toward the rear of the property. Ofc. Richard McAllister from East Fallowfield PD, Ofc. Richard Bowden and Ofc. Mark Jaworski from Coatesville City PD, Ofc. Chris Sandlund from the Parkesburg PD and Ofc. Todd Smith from Valley Township PD responded to assist. Upon arrival of assisting units investigation revealed that the suspects had forcibly entered the property and poured a flammable substance throughout it. There was a heavy odor a gasoline present and several empty fuel containers. The building and the immediate area was very hazardous due to the high levels of fumes and a substantial risk of an explosion existed. One suspect was apprehended nearby. He was hiding between a parked car and a neighboring business and in his presence were two road flares. He was transported to Coatesville PD and incarcerated pending investigation. The suspect vehicle and the crime scene were secured for investigators and the County, Township and State police fire marshals responded. County Ass't Fire Marshal Kilmer commented that Ofc. Marquette's actions in preventing a fire reduced the danger to any responding firefighters. An awards presentation will be made in the February 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting. Ofc. Marquette was hired in June 2007 as a part-time police officer. For any additional information contact Township Fire Marshal Jim Reagan, Township Deputy Fire Marshal Anthony Sirna, County Deputy Fire Marshal Russ Kilmer or State Police Fire Marshal John Clifford at Embreeville.

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