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A thriving, family-centered community
in the heart of Texas: welcoming and
fostering growth, investment, and tourism.*

December 2, 2024

Katey Turnbull was dispatched Friday, November 22, 2024, when a 911 call came in that someone had been shot. While Katey handled that call, Tiphane Newman came in early to help with incoming calls. Katey handled the radio traffic. Katey then received a call from the suspect. Katey spent 14 minutes keeping the suspect on the phone, trying to get the suspect's location. Eastland SO/PD ended up locating and arresting the suspect while he was still on the phone with Katey.

As dispatchers in a small town/center we could go years without a call like this. While we all go through on-the-job training, basic certification, CPR, and other mandated classes, we do not usually have the staffing or opportunity to attend in-depth, specific training such as suicidal callers or hostage-type situations. With that, Katey handled this call with professionalism and remained calm and focused even though she was nervous. She gave the suspect clear directions and answered his questions as best as she could.

I am not sure how Eastland PD knew where to find the suspect. While their officers were in the area, Katy continued to instruct the suspect to follow their directions, keep his hands visible, and not to reach for anything. He was apprehended without incident. She did not have any communication with Eastland, but her efforts made it possible for their officer to go home safely that night.

I believe she did a great job.

Sincerely,

Emily Grenko
Dispatch Supervisor
Breckenridge Police Department.