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Officer J Bethune
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Dear Officer Joshua Bethune,

It is my privilege to notify you that you have been nominated by Lieutenant Alan Woods, and approved for the Dalton Police Department Award of Valor. The criteria for this award are described in policy as, "a member of the Department who, conscious of danger and great risk of imminent personal hazard to life, distinguishes themselves by intelligently performing an act of heroism or valor above and beyond the call of duty".

Your selection is based on your actions on January 26, 2022. While off-duty, you came upon the scene of a serious traffic crash involving a passenger car and a tractor trailer. The occupants of the passenger car were entrapped and you worked diligently to free the driver despite the fact the vehicle had caught on fire. After the driver was free, you returned to the vehicle and again attempted to enter a burning vehicle. Your willingness to place yourself in a place of potential personal hazard to life to attempt to prevent harm to a citizen in distress has not gone unnoticed by your supervisors or your peers. Your actions and performance reflect positively on you and the entire department.

I am proud of your highly professional actions, and the high quality of your work on a daily basis. Congratulations on this well-deserved award.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cliff Cason", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chief Cliff Cason