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I am writing this letter to formally commend Officer Todd Bennett for his exemplary performance and bravery during an incident that occurred on June, 29th, 2024 in the area of Woodlawn and Ambassador Ln in Ford Heights. Officer Todd Bennett's actions during this event reflect the highest standards of our department and deserve recognition.

While monitoring ISPERN, Officer Bennett promptly responded to an emergency assistance request broadcasted by the Cook County Sheriff's Police. Upon arrival at the scene, Officer Bennett coordinated effectively with Lynwood PD Officer Johnson and proceeded to the crime scene at 1444 Ambassador Ln to assist in crowd control and crime scene preservation.

Despite the dangerous environment, marked by an agitated crowd and ongoing gunfire, Officer Bennett demonstrated remarkable composure and courage. During the incident, Officer Bennett faced immediate threats, including gunshots directed at officers, requiring them to take cover and protect his fellow officers.


When Lynwood PD Officer Johnson was struck by gunfire, Officer Bennett swiftly provided cover and ensured Officer Johnson received immediate medical attention. His quick thinking and dedication to duty were instrumental in ensuring the safety and well-being of a fellow officer.

After securing the scene and assisting with the perimeter security, Officer Bennett provided a detailed account of the incident to a CCSPD Detective, ensuring that all relevant information was accurately conveyed for the ongoing investigation.

Officer Bennett's actions during this critical incident exemplify the bravery, dedication, and professionalism that are the hallmarks of exceptional police work. His commitment to duty, even at great personal risk, is commendable and worthy of the highest recognition.

It is with great pride that I award Officer Todd Bennett a Thornton Police Department Commendation for his outstanding service and heroism. His actions reflect great credit upon himself, the Thornton Police Department, and the law enforcement profession.

Sincerely,


Richard Wesolowski

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