



Tupelo Police Department

To: Ofc. Rabenda

From: Lt. Brett Moyer

Date:02-16-2021

RE: Letter of Commendation

I would like to commend Ofc. Rabenda for an excellent job on the afternoon of 02-16-2021. E911 received a call of a person submerged in the water after falling through the ice on the lake at Veterans Park. E911 further stated the subject had been in the water for approximately eight minutes. Upon arrival Rabenda and Stevens observed the subjects head above water while he held on to the ice. Several witnesses were attempting to throw a rope to the individual with no success. Ofc. Rabenda without hesitation or regard for his safety, assisted Ofc. Stevens in the recovery of the victim from the lake. While Ofc. Stevens low crawled out to get the rope to the victim, Ofc. Rabenda slowly began pulling him to safety.

Once the victim was back on land Stevens and Rabenda began getting him out of his wet clothes until Station 3 of the Fire Department arrived to render medical aid. The victim was wrapped in a blanket and placed in a fire truck to prevent hypothermia from setting in.

Due to Ofc. Rabenda's quick thinking and disregard for his own safety the victim did not drown and a tragedy was averted. Ofc. Rabenda's actions reflect greatly upon himself, Edward Shift, and the Tupelo Police Dept.

Lt. Brett Moyer
Edward Shift Commander
Tupelo Police Dept.