



# Tupelo Police Department

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To: Ofc. Stevens

From: Lt. Brett Moyer

Date:02-16-2021

RE: Letter of Commendation

I would like to commend Ofc. Stevens 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. Stevens without hesitation or regard for his safety, immediately grabbed the rope, laid down on the ice, and slowly low crawled across it. Ofc. Stevens was able to get the rope to the victim while Ofc. Rabenda and the witnesses slowly began pulling him to safety. Once back on safe ground Stevens assisted Rabenda with the rope

Ofc. Stevens gave commands to the victim to lay flat on the ice so not to break any more as he and Rabenda began to pull the victim 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. Stevens' quick thinking and disregard for his own safety the victim did not drown and a tragedy was averted. Ofc. Stevens' actions reflect greatly upon himself, Edward Shift, and the Tupelo Police Dept.

Lt. Brett Moyer  
Edward Shift Commander  
Tupelo Police Dept.