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Kettering Police to Award Officers and Citizens

Kettering- Three Kettering police officers will be presented with the Distinguished Service Award on July 28 at 7:30 p.m. during the Kettering City Council meeting. The meeting is held at the Kettering Government Center, city council chambers, 3600 Shroyer Rd., Kettering.

Ptl. Ryan Meno, Ryan Vandegrift and Adam Savino responded to a report of an attempted suicide on April 2, 2009. The three officers witnessed a distressed individual attempting to poison himself with propane. After the individual refused the officers commands, they disregarded their own personal risk and entered the gas filled structure.

The officers were able to remove the combative individual and he was then provided medical treatment. The officer's selfless actions exemplify the tradition of "Ohio's Finest Police."

During a separate incident on April 26, 2009 at 1:42 a.m., citizens Joshua Arnett and Michael Krach witnessed a severe automobile crash at the intersection of Research and Shakertown Roads. After observing that one of the drivers was inside of the burning vehicle, they pulled the driver out and carried him to safety.

Mr. Arnett and Mr. Krach then performed rescue breathing and chest compressions on the trapped driver of the second vehicle until medics arrived. The scene was dangerous and devastating. Mr. Arnett and Mr. Krach deserve recognition for their selfless acts and bravery. They will be awarded the Citizen's Award of Valor, the highest award a citizen can receive.

Local media are invited to attend the awards presentation and meeting.

