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Cumming Police Department Honors Top Officers of 2022

CUMMING, Ga. – During the December 6th Work Session, Mayor Troy Brumbalow and City Council joined Police Chief David Marsh in recognizing several Cumming Police Department officers for outstanding work in 2022.

Chief Marsh presented the following honors:

Officer of the Year Award to Officer Tyler Burns - From Officer Burns' supervisor: "Officer Burns is always professional and never hesitates to handle any call for service...Officer Burns comes to work every day willing to help his shift and to help the citizens of Cumming. Officer Burns continues to represent the agency with dignity and professionalism. I can rely on Officer Burns at any moment. I know any call for service he goes to will be handled professionally and be investigated thoroughly."

Other nominees for the Officer of the Year Award were **Officers Josh Bagwell, Jonathan Fitzpatrick, and Coy Turner.**

Life Saving Award to Sgt. Sebastian Strano - The incident for which Sgt. Strano was recognized occurred on May 29, 2022, when units responded to a medical emergency call of a young female down in the rear parking lot of a local restaurant. It was reported that she was not breathing and had turned blue. When Sgt. Strano arrived on scene, another patron of the restaurant, who had CPR training, was actively giving chest compressions. Sgt. Strano administered his dose of Narcon (Naloxone HCl) to the patient and applied sternum rubs until he detected a pulse and that she was again breathing. The patient, who had apparently overdosed on a Fentanyl product, was very weak and disoriented. Sgt. Strano remained on the ground with her, constantly reassuring her, until EMS arrived. He then assisted her up and into the ambulance.

Promotion to Sgt. Sebastian Strano - In addition to the Life Saving Award, Sgt. Strano also received a promotion from the rank of Sergeant to Captain.

In addition to the official awards and promotion, Chief Marsh also recognized **Sgt. Tony Hodgkins** for two instances of outstanding work. During the first situation, he waded into a creek that had become flooded due to severe thunderstorms in order to help a citizen whose home had flooded in order to remove debris from the home. During the second, Sgt. Hodgkins went above and beyond during a case

in which a young boy was kidnapped by his non-custodial father. Through in-depth investigative work, Sgt. Hodgkins was able to locate the boy and father in Greenville, Ala., where the father was arrested. The boy was returned safely to his family here in Cumming.

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Officer Tyler Burns (left) receives the Officer of the Year Award from Chief Marsh.



Sgt. Sebastian Strano receives the Life Saving Award and his new badge noting his promotion to Captain.