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Johnston Police Corporal Receives Commendation

JOHNSTON, Iowa – On Monday, Dec. 6, 2021, Corporal Sam Abell received a certificate of commendation for his quick response to a call for service.

On Aug. 20, 2021, the Johnston Police Department was dispatched to a residence on reports of a medical emergency for an unconscious female not breathing. Corporal Abell was the afternoon shift supervisor and responded to assist. When Corporal Abell arrived, Officer Holtry and Officer Petermeier were performing lifesaving measures. Corporal Abell managed the scene by gathering the needed information from the family and the other officers. He then relayed the information to medical personnel and acted as a liaison between rescue personnel and the family members on the scene.

Corporal Abell received this commendation for managing the scene. He was thoughtful and effective in bringing a semblance of calm and order to a chaotic and high-stress situation. He recognized, supported and utilized the strengths of subordinate officers to achieve a common goal. His management and supervision allowed the officers to focus on their lifesaving mission. At the same time, he supported them in that role by being a calming presence and acting as a bridge between the officers, the family, and medical personnel.

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