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Minute Note:

Police Chief John Rich thanked all who attended the *Law Enforcement and Appreciation* Event that was held on Sunday, February 19, 2023 at the United Methodist Church. He stated because Police Officer Taylor Krajewski was not able to attend Sunday's event that he would like to recognize her this evening by presenting the following:

Department Medal for Meritorious Service

Officer Taylor Krajewski

On August 8, 2022 at approximately 2:36 a.m., the Connecticut State Police at Troop E made a broadcast over the police emergency hotline reporting an incident at the Bellissimo Grande Hotel located at 411 Norwich Westerly Road (Route 2) in North Stonington. Three individuals involved in a theft from a vehicle pointed a firearm at a witness and fled the scene in a white Jeep, traveling west on Route 2 toward

Norwich. Subsequently, Ledyard Dispatch personnel were notified that the State Police were in pursuit of the white Jeep on Route 2 approaching the Ledyard town line. Officer Taylor Krajewski was conducting motor vehicle enforcement on Route 2 near the Foxwoods Casino when she observed the accused vehicle being pursued by two State Police vehicles with their lights and sirens activated. At that time, Officer Krajewski activated her lights and siren and entered onto Route 2 following behind the State Police vehicles, advising dispatch of her involvement. Officer Krajewski continued west on Route 2, then onto Route 2A in Preston. As Officer Krajewski radioed her location, Officer First Class Gary A. Butters began responding from his west patrol location and took a position on Route 2A near the Route 12 intersection, to deploy Stop Sticks to terminate the pursuit.

The Montville Police also responded to the area as the involved Jeep sped past Officer Butters' location, striking the Stop Sticks and puncturing the right tires. The Jeep slowed down and ultimately stopped in a driveway near the Preston Riverwalk property. Two of the three occupants exited the Jeep and began to run south in the woods along Route 12. The third suspect remained in the Jeep, where Officer Butters and members of the State Police took him into custody without incident. Officer Krajewski and Montville Officer Witts pursued the two fleeing suspects on foot for approximately 3/10 mile through a wooded area and over a chain link fence, ultimately apprehending both suspects. All three suspects were arrested and transported to the Troop E Barracks for processing. A loaded handgun and a backpack were recovered from the scene of the stop outside the Jeep.

Now, by the authority granted to me under Town of Ledyard Ordinance 500-001, I am proud to award Officer Taylor Krajewski the Ledyard Police Department Medal for Meritorious Service for her outstanding service beyond the ordinary course of duty. Her diligence, perseverance and timely judgment resulted in the protection of life, the solving of a major crime and the apprehension of three armed dangerous individuals. Her actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of Connecticut Law Enforcement.

Issued from the Office of the Chief of Police this twenty-second day of February 2023.

John J. Rich
Chief of Police

Mayor Allyn, III, stated State Senator Cathy Osten attended the Law Enforcement and Appreciation Day Event that was held on Sunday, February 19, 2023 at the United Methodist Church; however, he stated that Senator Osten was not able to be here this evening. Therefore, he stated on behalf of Senator Osten he would be presenting Officer Taylor Krajewski an "Official Citation" that was introduced by Senator Osten as well as Representative Ryan, Representative Howard, and Representative Lanoue.

"Official Citation

Be it hereby known by All: *That the Connecticut General Assembly offers its sincerest congratulations to Officer Taylor Krajewski in recognition of receiving the Ledyard Police Department*

Medal for Meritorious Service.

The entire membership extends its very best wishes on this memorable occasion and expresses its hope for continued success.

Given on the nineteenth day of February, 2023.

Signed at the State Capital by Senate Pro-tem Martin Looney, Speaker of the House Matt Ritter and Secretary of the State Stephanie Thomas”.