

Oneida County Medical Examiner's Office

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Dec. 20, 2019

Three Lakes Police Department

c/o Chief Scott Lea
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Three Lakes, WI 54562

Dear Chief Lea,

I would like to take this opportunity to share my observation and commendation for your department. On December 12, 2019, I responded to an address in the Town of Three Lakes and I met on scene Sgt. Tom Maillette and Officer Brandon Van Natta who were with a gentleman who has just lost his wife of 62 years. The reason I felt the need to share this letter is to express how I was truly impressed and touched by the kind and caring way these two officers treated a citizen of the community that had just suffered a devastating loss. The kindness, concern and respect shown to him was, in my opinion, above and beyond the call of duty. They did not have to sit down and quietly listen to this gentleman, to offer the kind words they did, or to put their arm around his shoulder to share some comfort. Nor did they have to take a moment to hold his hand or offer to come back to his home to make sure he had someone to talk to through the night.

These acts of kindness only took a few moments out of their busy schedule, but they did not hold back from showing how deeply they cared about this man and his time of need. And, may I offer that this is no isolated experience. I have observed and have been told of quite a number of other instances where you and your entire department have shown the same level of care and concern for the citizens you all serve. I feel this kind of service deserves recognition and commendation. Well done!

Sincerely,

Luke Johnson- Chief Deputy Medical Examiner

Cc: Town of Three Lakes Board