



CHIEF CONSTABLE'S
CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION- CITIZEN AWARD
(Case No: 10-30455)

On December 19, 2010, Saanich Police received numerous 9-1-1 calls in regard to an apparent stabbing at 3474 Bethune Ave. One of the callers was Robert Turner who had just picked up his 10 year old son from the town house complex. Robert was driving out of the complex when he noted a male in the parking lot holding his stomach and bleeding profusely. Robert pulled over to offer help to the male and left his young son in the car.

Robert immediately called 9-1-1 and relayed to the call taker his need for the police and an ambulance. Previous callers were unable to report the location of the stabbing however Robert passed on the correct address. Prior to the arrival of Emergency Services, Robert remained on the phone and gave clear and updated information as things unfolded.

Robert knew to apply direct pressure to the victim's wounds. The injured male was conscious in the beginning and he was able to state the name of the person responsible for the stabbing. Once Robert was aware that the suspect was within his sight inside one of the units, he again updated police. Robert remained with the victim disregarding a potential risk to his own personal safety.

In reviewing the 911 tape Robert sounded calm and he responded appropriately to questions asked of him. Robert could be heard encouraging the victim to hang on, while he reassured him that help was on the way. At one point he was compelled to hasten a driver through the parking lot in order to keep the access open to emergency vehicles. Knowing that his son was witnessing the incident as it unfolded, Robert quickly moved his own vehicle out of the way. The young boy begged his father to just leave however Robert consoled him, told him to continue to look forward and explained why he could not leave. Only when the victim lost consciousness and the extent of his injuries appeared fatal did Robert become more insistent with the call taker about the immediate need for an ambulance. They arrived on scene shortly thereafter.

When interviewed by police back at the police station, Robert's immediate concern was for the health of the victim and whether he was alive. A charge of Attempt Murder was submitted by the Detectives assigned to the investigation. The trial eventually resulted in an acquittal.

Robert Turner was instrumental in obtaining crucial information from the injured male, prior to him going unconscious. This information assisted the police officers by alerting them to the whereabouts of a potentially armed suspect. This “Good Samaritan” continually offered reassurance to the victim as he unselfishly rendered assistance. According to the victim, hospital staff advised him that his injuries would have been fatal if he had not received the first aid that he had.

For his outstanding service to his community and to the victim in this incident, Mr. Robert Turner is awarded the Chief Constable’s Certificate of Recognition-Citizen Award.

Congratulations.



Chief Constable Chadwick

