

## **First Responder Hero Award 2022**

Officer Wesley Washburn

### **Certificates of Appreciation**

Officer Nick Appell

Officer Caleb Boyer

Pekin (IL) Police Department

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[www.centralillinoisproud.com/digital-originals/ceremony-honors-first-responders-for-saving-4-year-old/](http://www.centralillinoisproud.com/digital-originals/ceremony-honors-first-responders-for-saving-4-year-old/)

PEORIA (25 NEWS) - First responders in Pekin will start their week on Monday with a celebration for their response that saved the life of a 4-year-old boy.

It was just after 3pm on February 28th when Pekin police and fire were sent to rescue the boy after he fell in the water while trying to walk on a lake he thought to be frozen. Warm temperatures the day before started melting the lake.

Three police officers pulled the young boy from the water, followed by CPR efforts from a firefighter.

“We just want to take a moment to recognize those who stepped up, and while yes doing their job, went above and beyond and truly showcase professionalism,” said Fire Chief Trent Reese.

## **Certificates of Appreciation**

Officer Matthew Bundy

Officer Brienne Lonergan

Rock Island (IL) Police Department

[https://qctimes.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/nine-rock-island-police-officers-honored-including-lifesaving-awards/article\\_9d5d9008-4c31-5739-95fe-26182dbb146e.html](https://qctimes.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/nine-rock-island-police-officers-honored-including-lifesaving-awards/article_9d5d9008-4c31-5739-95fe-26182dbb146e.html)

Officers Brienne Lonergan and Matthew Bundy were each recognized with the Life Saving Award for their actions Nov. 21 when they responded to a suicidal man on the Centennial Bridge who was live streaming himself on Facebook after losing custody of his child.

The man, armed with a knife, had climbed over the railing and was threatening to jump off the bridge. Lonergan and Bundy initiated a conversation with the man, which lasted more than an hour as they gradually persuaded him to step back from the railing. The man was secured and transported to a local hospital for mental health treatment.

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Officer Justin Adams

Davenport (IA) Police Department

His best save was stopping the bleeding on a victim who had been shot on May 24 2022. He was able to save the victims life and arrested the suspect a few weeks later.