Team Award of Valor – Philadelphia Police Department

Police Officers Maurice Alfano & Thomas Dempsey

In May 2017, Officer Thomas Dempsey responded to a routine report of a stolen vehicle. He asked the resident for the necessary paperwork, and when she went back inside, she discovered the lifeless body of her 7-year-old daughter. Screaming and distraught, she explained that she found the child with a plastic bag over her head. Officer Dempsey immediately radioed for a Medic Unit and backup, and then began to administer CPR. By that time, Officer Alfano arrived. Both officers realized that time was not on their side. They put the child in Officer Alfano's cruiser and rushed her to the hospital, while Officer Dempsey continued CPR in the backseat. Unfortunately, the child succumbed to her injuries a few days later.