



“To Protect and Serve”

Meritorious Service Medal Nomination

Sheriff Brad Pope,

It is my honor and pleasure to nominate Deputy Trevor Bonds for the Meritorious Service Medal based on his heroic actions during a vehicle pursuit in Smith Valley, on January 25, 2025. In support of my nomination, I offer the following details in reference to case number 25LY00361.

On January 25th, 2025, at approximately 1856 hours, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office was advised by the Mono County Sheriff's Office in California, that they were actively involved in a vehicle pursuit with a stabbing suspect. The stabbing occurred in Washoe County, NV. And the suspect fled to Mono County, California, where deputies located him near Bridgeport. The suspect fled and led Mono County Deputies on a high speed chase toward Smith Valley. Due to high speed and deteriorating road conditions from snow over Sweetwater Summit, the suspect pulled ahead of the pursuing deputies by several miles.

As the suspect vehicle approached The Wellington Cutoff, Lyon County Deputy Trevor Bonds spotted the vehicle in excess of 100 mph. Knowing there was a special event taking place in Wellington, Deputy Bonds blocked the road, forcing the suspect to proceed north rather than toward Wellington and the special event taking place. He then started to pursue the suspect vehicle who was driving recklessly entering the valley. As information continued to come in to our dispatch center, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office advised the victim of the stabbing was pronounced dead, and the suspect was now wanted for murder. Additionally, he was reported to be driving a stolen vehicle.

Deputy Bonds pursued the suspect vehicle at high speeds, alone, as additional Lyon County deputies were enroute to assist. To complicate matters even further, it began to snow heavier in Smith Valley. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Nevada Highway Patrol Troopers were notified of the incident as requested to respond to assist.

As the pursuit continued, further information received advised that the suspect was possibly armed in addition to being wanted for murder. Deputy Bonds pursued the suspect on a dirt road and then into the driveway of a private residence before the suspect attempted to turn around to access the paved portion of the road.

Deputy Bonds determined the suspect was a threat to the safety of the community and received permission to ram the vehicle to stop the pursuit and apprehend this dangerous criminal. As the suspect drove down the dirt road, Deputy Bonds intentionally struck the suspect vehicle with his patrol car. This maneuver was successful and the suspect vehicle came to a stop.

During the intentional collision, Deputy Bonds felt back and neck pain, however he persevered and held the

suspect at gunpoint until additional deputies arrived on scene to assist.

The suspect was safely arrested and Deputy Bonds was immediately evaluated and subsequently transported by ambulance to the hospital for further evaluation.

In spite of all of the risk, Deputy Bonds maintained his composure, acted with courage and was able to end the pursuit and safely arrest the murder suspect. In response to Deputy Bonds' brave actions is nominated for the Lyon County Sheriff's Office Meritorious Service Medal.

This medal is awarded to individuals who demonstrate courage and perseverance in the performance of his or her duties towards the protection of life or property, the prevention of a major crime or the apprehension of an armed or dangerous criminal.

Respectfully,

Commander Ryan Powell

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