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Blissfield Police Department Officer Hunkele Receives Award *Everyday Heroes Award from the Catherine Cobb Safe House*

BLISSFIELD, MICHIGAN, October 17, 2024--- The Village of Blissfield is honored to recognize Officer Hunkele who is receiving an Everyday Heroes Award from the Catherine Cobb Safe House. This award is to honor those who have shown courage, kindness and unselfish acts of heroism in the Lenawee County Community.

Officer Hunkele did just that in May, 2023 when he responded to a dispatch call of a report of a domestic violence in progress. Upon arriving at the scene Officer Hunkele was confronted by a person holding a hammer and yelling "Shoot me!" Officer Hunkele was exposed to an extreme risk of personal injury as the person advanced towards him in an aggressive and threatening manner. Officer Hunkele refrained from utilizing any force. Instead, Officer Hunkele was able to convince the person to talk with him and was successful in convincing the armed subject to drop the weapon, surrender peacefully, and to being taken into custody without the use of force - thereby preventing this incident from ending tragically.

Often times, we take for granted the actions of our officers and their commitment to protect and serve our community members. We are immensely proud of Officer Hunkele and thankful to the Catherine Cobb Safe House for recognizing him for his hard work. Congratulations to Officer Hunkele for his exceptional bravery and dedication to our community.

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