



PRESS RELEASE

From Badge to Blessing – Warren Officers help family in time of need

The Warren Police Department is proud to salute the extraordinary compassion of Officers Brian Stanko and Chad Rossow who went above and beyond the call of duty to help a Warren resident in need.

Earlier this month, Officers Brian Stanko and Chad Rossow responded to a call for service at a home in southwest Warren wherein they met Lillian Holt. Ms. Holt is a single mother juggling the midnight shift at a local factory while raising two young sons, aged 14 and 15. As they spoke with Ms. Holt, it became clear that she is a hard-working and loving parent who is struggling to make ends meet, facing immense hardship in providing necessities for her children and a comfortable home. Deeply moved by Ms. Holt's challenges and her hardworking spirit, Officers Stanko and Rossow knew they could not simply walk away. These officers made the choice to become personally involved and serve as a lifeline for this family.

On their own time, these remarkable officers went above and beyond the call of duty. Officers Stanko and Rossow mobilized their friends and family, securing donations of crucial furniture – couches and a bed - to improve the home-life of Ms. Holt and her family. But that was only the beginning of their generosity. Both officers donated some of their own furniture including a king-size bed, dresser, a TV, and other essential home furnishings. Their efforts did not stop here. Officer Rossow contacted Wal-Mart who graciously donated a twin bed set, sheets, and other items. Recognizing how stretched Ms. Holt's budget already was, Officer Rossow selflessly contributed \$300 of his own hard-earned money to purchase much-needed groceries and food for Ms. Holt's family.

Then, on a day off, Officer Rossow surprised Ms. Holt with a true act of kindness. He arrived at her residence with a trailer full of all the donated items. Ms. Holt was moved beyond words for what these officers did for her family, all after meeting her during a routine call for service.

The actions of Officer Stanko and Rossow make every member of this Department happy and proud. Importantly, and a true testament to their generosity and humility, neither officers sought recognition for their actions. Their actions exemplify the very best of what we want our officers to be: protectors, helpers, and compassionate members of the community who go above and beyond to make a truly positive impact in the lives of those we serve.

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