



BROWNSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Employee Award Nomination

As per policy 01.09.01, the Brownsburg Police Department attempts to recognize exceptional service to the department and the Brownsburg Community by various awards and recognition of its employees. Please consult the department policy regarding award criteria, accepted nomination sources, awarding bodies and descriptions.

Employee or Badge ID of Employee Being Nominated *

41264

*Info Available on Roster

Name of Employee *

Koelling, David

Employee Assignment *

Road Supervisor

Award Type *

Award of Bravery

Supporting Comments *

On 9/25/2025 Officers responded to 17 Ashwood Cr to assist with an eviction. When officers attempted to make contact with the tenant they observed smoke to be coming from inside the residence. The front door was forced open and Corporal Koelling went inside to make contact with the tenant, but had to exit due to the thick smoke inside the house. Brownsburg Fire was called to the scene and they went inside to extinguish any fires. However, they had to exit quickly because they believed they heard a gunshot. Given that the house needed to be cleared before the Fire Department could take care of the house fire, Corporal Koelling and Officer Mlagan donned breathing apparatus obtained from the Fire Department and went inside the residence. They were able to locate the resident and found him to have sustained a fatal self-inflicted gunshot wound. Once the house had been cleared, the Fire Department was able to enter and put out the fire. The brave actions of Corporal Koelling and Officer Mlagan made it possible to limit the fire damage and preserve evidence for the death investigation that followed. Outstanding initiative and courage by both officers!

Submitted By *

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