



DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION

January 22, 2026

Lieutenant Joseph J. Jahrsdoerfer
Coconut Creek Police Department
4800 West Copans Road
Coconut Creek, FL 33063

Dear Lieutenant Jahrsdoerfer:

It is a great pleasure to present you with the ***Lifesaving Award*** for the actions you took on October 18, 2025.

On this date, Coconut Creek Police Department (CCPD) and Seminole Police Department officers responded to the Seminole Casino parking garage. A 15-year-old female called 9-1-1 and stated she wanted to jump off the top of the garage and end her life.

Upon arrival, officers assessed the situation and called out our Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) to respond. Through the course of the negotiation, the female kept leaning over the side and waving at an officer on the ground who was working the ground perimeter post. When the officer was relieved of his post, the female stated she wanted him to come back and so he did.

Coconut Creek Fire Rescue and Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue personnel arrived on scene and started making contingency plans should the female get closer to the edge or jump. Additional CCPD officers from the oncoming shift arrived to assist and relieve positions.

After providing the female with food and water and multiple officers talking with her for almost two hours, she agreed to step away from the edge and come back over the wall to safety.

If not for the concerted efforts of all officers involved, this could have ended in tragedy.

For this, it is with great pride that I present you with the department's ***Lifesaving Commendation Award***. On behalf of the Coconut Creek Police Department, I would like to extend to you our thanks for an outstanding job.

Sincerely,

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Chief of Police

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