



NOMINATION #

20-05

(To Be Completed By The 100 Club Staff)

100 Club Annual Heroes Awards Nomination Form
Law Enforcement or Firefighting Agencies
(For Guidelines see last page)

Nominating Agency: College Station Police Department

Nominating Agency Address: 800 Krenek Tap Rd. College Station, TX 77840

Nominating Officer or Firefighter: Sgt. Ian Mader

(Print Rank and Full Name)

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Law Enforcement Agency Nomination [checked] OR Fire Department Nomination []

Officer/Firefighter Of The Year [] Rookie Of The Year [checked] Lifetime Achievement []

Service Animal []

(PLEASE MARK ONE)

NOMINEE: Officer Javier Castillo

(One Nominee per form) (Rank/Title) (First Name) (Last Name)

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NOMINEE'S AGENCY: College Station Police Department

Nominee's Supervisor: Sgt. Ian Mader Work Phone # 979 764 3600

Nominator's Signature: [Signature] MADER 760 Date: 11/24/2020

Agency Head's Signature: [Signature] Billy Covoff Date: 12/2/2020
POLICE CHIEF

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ATTACH OR WRITE A DETAILED NARRATIVE OF THE INCIDENT SURROUNDING THE NOMINATION.

(No Supportive Documentation Please.)

This serves to nominate College Station Police Officer J. Castillo for the 100 Club Rookie of the Year. Officer Castillo was released from training, as a solo officer on February 3rd of this year. Upon being released from Field Training, and having no prior Law Enforcement experience, Officer Castillo immediately began to shine as an officer. His work ethic, and exemplary attitude were immediately noticed by all those around him. This contagious work ethic and attitude continued throughout the next several months, even during the outset of the COVID pandemic and social unrest throughout the country. During all this time Officer Castillo was conducting excellent investigations, performing at levels far beyond his meager experience.

During the summer, particularly the month of August, Officer Castillo went above and beyond this level with repeated acts of outstanding performance. Javier Castillo demonstrated an outstanding level of professionalism, work ethic, and solid decision-making while answering calls, taking reports, and making arrests. His calm demeanor, solid decision-making, and high volume of work set him apart from the other members of Patrol.

Several cases are of particular significance during the that month. The first case was on August 8. Officer Castillo, who patrols the north sections of the city, maintains excellent awareness and communication with surrounding officers and agencies. On this date, Bryan PD reported to us a recent aggravated robbery with the suspect possibly fleeing through our city. Officer Castillo immediately bridged the gap between CSPD and BPD by meeting at the scene, just north of Northgate, with a Bryan PD supervisor. Officer Castillo was able to rapidly relay information between agencies about the vehicle description and direction of travel. By doing so, he removed the time delay associated with going through two agencies dispatches. This resulted in another officer spotting the suspects traveling south on Highway 6, within a few minutes of the call.

Another example of his outstanding performance occurred on August 18. Officer Castillo responded to a report of a disoriented male wandering through a neighborhood. Officer Castillo was able to locate the male and safely return him to his family. This same male later wandered away from his family again and ended up even further away than during the previous

call. Officer Castillo was able to recognize that this was the same subject he previously encountered, even though he was not on the call. Despite it being the end of the shift, Officer Castillo drove to the family's residence. Once there, he made contact with the family and had them respond to the scene where the male was found this second time.

A third example occurred on the shift beginning August 21. Officer Castillo was one of several officers responding to a loud party that had escalated into fighting and arguing. During this fight one of the partiers had produced a firearm. Due to the chaotic situation and large gathering, the suspect who possessed the firearm was largely unknown. Officer Castillo arrived and, without having to be told, began checking the back of the residence to block other avenues of escape. Once there he observed two males who immediately began to run from him. One of the males continually grabbed at their waistline, making Officer Castillo believe this was the subject with the weapon or possible weapon. Officer Castillo gave chase. He did so providing good radio communication, excellent directions, and articulation of the suspect actions and whereabouts. While pursuing he acted as a seasoned Officer, clearing his corners and not rushing beyond cover. Officer Castillo chased and apprehended one of the subjects after running a quarter of a mile.

The next example is perhaps Officer Castillo's greatest achievement of that month. On August 22, the very next shift after the foot chase, Officer Castillo responded to reports of gunfire just across the city limits with Bryan. Officer Castillo and members of the CSTEP unit were the first officers on scene and located the victim of a shooting. Officer Castillo was quick to take action and applied the second tourniquet to the victim's leg. Without CSTEP and Officer Castillo's tourniquets, the victim would have bled out and died before the paramedics were able to arrive. Sadly the victim succumbed to his wounds shortly thereafter despite CSTEP and Officer Castillo's outstanding response.

On this same call multiple CSPD officers, including Officer Castillo, were needed to continue assisting Bryan PD with this investigation. During this time of securing the scene and providing a perimeter for Bryan PD, Officer Castillo observed several parties, later identified as gang members, arrive at the scene angry about the shooting. Seeing and hearing their argument, Officer Castillo approached these five individuals, who were making statements about the shooting and were clearly taking retaliatory positions against each other on behalf of the victim and yet unidentified shooting suspects. Within seconds of trying to break up the situation Officer Castillo was engaged in a hand to hand fight with all five of these individuals. Despite this, Officer Castillo was able to broadcast his need for help, just before his entire radio was flung off of his duty belt and into the street. The resulting melee involved multiple Bryan PD and CSPD units running to his aid and engaging the agitators. When the situation was secured,

all of the individuals were detained and subsequently arrested, including one for assaulting Officer Castillo. Officer Castillo's actions were exemplary! He remained in control, despite being outnumbered, he did not over react and used the proper amount of force, and despite receiving a blow to his jaw during the fight, he maintained a superior mental advantage and will to persevere through an incredibly difficult and stressful situation.

However, Officer Castillo's excellent work for the month was still not complete. On the shift of August 31, Officer Castillo responded, by himself, to a report a suspicious male walking down the middle of a street with no shoes or shirt on. Knowing these calls can diverge into a wide array of unknown conditions Officer Castillo responded with a great level of maturity and excellent instincts. Upon locating the male sitting on a storm drain Officer Castillo showed exceptional judgement and did not approach. He slowly moved to where he could see the suspect's hands and was able to observe the suspect brandishing a large kitchen knife. Officer Castillo was able to maintain excellent distance from the knife-wielding suspect, draw his weapon, and give clear commands to summon aid and to detain suspect. The result of this call was a suspect taken into custody without incident or injury. This was entirely due to Officer Castillo's actions, level headedness, and outstanding decision-making.

Officer Castillo's outstanding performance would only continue. On November 14th and 15th (same shift), Officer Castillo responded to two separate calls requiring rapid aid to stop traumatic injuries. The first call was in response to a shooting that had just occurred and the involved parties had fled the scene. A few minutes later the a call was received from a walk-in ER, that a male with a gunshot wound had arrived. Since this was only a walk-in ER, the staff were not equipped to handle this level of trauma. Officer Castillo was the first person on scene and immediately applied discovered a teenage male with a gunshot wound to the lower back. Officer Castillo immediately applied a chest seal to the victim to stem the blood loss. He then remained on scene and assisted with conducting a thorough investigation into the shooting and those involved. Later that same night Officer Castillo. responded to a major accident. Upon arrival he located the driver who had a significant laceration to her lower leg and was bleeding profusely. Officer Castillo did not hesitate and rapidly applied a tourniquet, stopping the blood flow.

Officer Castillo's actions during the year put him a league of his own. He continually receives praise from other officers and supervisors within CSPD but also from Bryan PD and TAMU PD. His performance during his first few months as an officer continually improves. He is displaying excellent decision making skills in the face of incredible adversity and stress that rivals veteran officers. His performance is exemplary in nearly every facet of Law Enforcement.

Based on Officer Javier Castillo's outstanding work throughout 2020, I wholeheartedly believe and recommend he be CSPD's nominee for the 100 Club Rookie of the Year Award.

I further recommend the 100 Club recognize the honorable work Officer Castillo has performed throughout this year.