



Local North Yorkshire officer scoops regional bravery award

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A heroic officer from Acomb has tonight received the North East regional award for her bravery at the 15th annual Police Bravery Awards in London, organised by the Police Federation of England and Wales and The Sun Newspaper.

The award was received at a glittering ceremony at The Dorchester Hotel which followed a reception at 10 Downing Street where the officer along with the 57 other nominees, met the Prime Minister, David Cameron and Home Secretary, Theresa May.

North Yorkshire Constable Sarah Lacy was at home when her dog ran off into the garden barking. When she went to investigate, she could hear an alarm sounding and smelt smoke.

Smoke was billowing from a window in the property opposite her house. She ran back inside her own home and called the fire brigade. When she went back out she saw a man hanging out of the bedroom window choking on the smoke. PC Lacy shouted for help and a neighbour brought a ladder along.

PC Lacy helped get the man down from the window as another man arrived and told her that his mother was trapped inside. Asthmatic PC Lacy accompanied the man back into the smoke filled property when there was a large explosion from the kitchen as glass smashed in the excessive heat. PC Lacy rushed upstairs with the man and they managed to locate and bring his mother back down. When they got the woman to safety, PC Lacy performed CPR until the other emergency services arrived.

PC Lacy was key to the survival of both occupants and her bravery despite her asthma is highly commendable.

Paul McKeever, chairman of the Police Federation of England and Wales says:

“PC Lacy’s bravery epitomises the essence of what makes a truly great officer. She has shown that whether on or off duty the safety of the public is her number one priority, above and beyond that of her own. I hope this award goes some way in recognising her incredible bravery.”

Editor of The Sun Newspaper Dominic Mohan says:

“PC Lacy showed remarkable courage and her dedication to duty deserves the highest praise. There can be no doubt her swift actions saved the life of this lady and she is an absolute credit to her force. We are very proud to be able to honour PC Lacy with this award.”

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