



West Midlands officers scoop Midlands regional Police Bravery award

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Two heroic officers from the West Midlands have tonight received the Midlands regional award for their brave actions 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 officers along with the 56 other nominees, met the Prime Minister, David Cameron and Home Secretary, Theresa May.

Constables Linda Tooth and Hayley Court were called to a domestic incident late one evening where a jealous man had tied up the children of his ex-partner and was threatening to kill the woman and her new boyfriend.

As the two officers arrived at the scene the woman was hanging out of the window and she shouted down to them that she had been stabbed. They heard the attacker shouting that he was going to kill her on the count of ten. He then began to count.

Both the woman's children managed to break free and went up to the roof where the young boy had called the police and the young girl, hearing the police arrive, went down to open the front door. Realising the imminent danger the woman was in and not wishing to alert the man that they were in the house, the officers quietly made their way up to the front bedroom.

PC Tooth kicked the door open and as they entered the room the offender approached them with a knife. All the while the stabbed woman was crying for help. The officers deployed their CS spray with little effect on the man who then jumped on the bed where the wounded woman lay and continued to repeatedly stab her.

Realising the woman would die if they did not stop the man, the two officers struck him with their batons until he finally released the knife. After what seemed like an eternity for the officers and the stabbed woman, the man fell to the floor and the officers arrested him.

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

“The officers showed incredible bravery and resilience in the face of a very real threat to their own lives and the life of young mother. We hope this award goes some way towards recognising their heroic actions.”

Editor of The Sun Newspaper Dominic Mohan says:

“PCs Tooth and Court were faced with a terrifying situation and showed great courage and determination in disarming a violent criminal. It is an honour to present them with this award which I hope is seen as fitting praise for two

officers who put the lives of another before their own.”

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