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Officers who risked lives to save elderly man from house fire, nominated for bravery award

Two officers who entered a burning home to rescue an elderly man have been nominated for a Police Bravery Award.

The actions of Constable Jonathan Ryan and Special Constable Artur Vishnevskiy, of Cleveland Police, will be recognised at the 21st Police Bravery Awards on 14 July. The awards honour and recognise police officers who performed outstanding acts of bravery while on or off duty, and are sponsored by Police Mutual.

On Christmas Day 2014, the officers were alerted to a house fire in Greatham. The only information they were given was that the elderly man who lived there may have tripped or fallen.

Arriving before the fire service, the officers confirmed through a neighbour that the man was locked inside the house. They managed to force entry into the home and, despite it being filled with smoke, went in where they found him and brought him out to safety.

The man and the officers were given oxygen at the scene and treated for smoke inhalation.

Andrea Breeze, chairman of the Cleveland Police Federation, said: "If it were not for the actions of these officers, there is a high chance that this man would not have survived. These officers put the safety of another person ahead of their own, and their bravery and professionalism should be recognised."

Stephen Mann, CEO of Police Mutual, said: "This year marks the 21st anniversary of the Police Bravery Awards and the eighth consecutive year that Police Mutual has sponsored them. We are proud to continue our support for such an inspirational event in the Policing calendar and to be able to show our respect for the exceptional courage shown by Police Officers who risk their lives every day to protect the public."

PC Ryan also received a Chief Constables Commendation for Bravery.

Note to Editors

- The local press releases for each of the Bravery award nominees across England and Wales are also available on a **hidden** page of the Police Federation's website for your use. Please be aware that these too are **under embargo until Monday 20 June**. To access these releases please [click here](#).
- The Police Bravery Awards, sponsored by Police Mutual, is an annual event which honours police officers across England and Wales for their actions to tackle criminals and keep the public safe. This year marks the 21st Police Bravery Awards. The ceremony will take place on 14 July 2016 at The Dorchester, 53 Park Lane, London W1K 1QA.
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