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**OFFICERS ERICA HUSTON, NICK JOYCE HONORED WITH  
'AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE' FOR SAVING CHOKING CHILD**

Burnsville Police Officers Erica Huston and Nick Joyce were honored on July 13 with the Burnsville Police Department's "Award of Distinguished Service" for recently saving a young girl's life.

The Award of Distinguished Service is provided by Police Department leadership to officers who show exceptional performance of their duties.

**Background**

On May 14 at approximately 3:30 p.m., Burnsville police received a call about a young girl choking and losing consciousness at her home on the 12000 block of Portland Avenue. Officer Huston was field training with Officer Joyce close to the address when the call came across their radios.

Huston and Joyce responded nearly immediately to the home, and were met at the entrance by relatives carrying the 7-year-old victim. The girl appeared lifeless and pale, and a quick vitals check showed she was not breathing and without a pulse.

Joyce and Huston began doing CPR until paramedics arrived. The girl was then moved into an ambulance, and Joyce continued compressions until medics were ready to transport. Joyce and Huston followed the girl to the hospital with the girl's mother. Prior to reaching the hospital, they learned the good news that the girl had regained a pulse.

On June 2, Joyce visited the victim and her mother at their home, and was very pleased to see she had made a full recovery.

Because of their quick actions and exceptional response, Officers Erica Huston and Nick Joyce saved a young girl's life, and were honored with the department's "Award of Distinguished Service."

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