

Law Enforcement Awards



**Sergeant
David White
(retired)**



**Patrol Officer
Brian Duman**



Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award

Sergeant David White (retired) and Patrolman Brian Duman Uniontown Police Department

On July 9, 2017, Sergeant David White and Patrolman Brian Duman responded to a domestic violence call that left one of them seriously injured and placed the other in the role of rescuer.

White and Duman arrived at the home and were met by family members running out and screaming that another family member was shooting at them. The officers approached the front door and called for the suspect to come outside. Sergeant White saw the man holding a rifle, so the two officers sought cover and began to set up a perimeter.

Soon, White heard a motorcycle starting in the garage and became concerned that the suspect was going to drive away and cause a threat to the community. He peeked into the garage and saw the suspect fall and drop the rifle. White entered the garage, and the suspect pulled out a handgun and shot him four times. White returned fire and retreated behind his cruiser, where Duman began first aid. In the meantime, the suspect gathered more weapons and appeared at the front door. Duman, ordered him to drop the weapons, but he refused. Duman shot the suspect, killing him.

“Officer Duman put his life on the line that day in order to save the lives of all the family members involved, along with Sergeant White,” said Lieutenant Michael Batchik, who nominated the two for an award. The officers “responded and resolved a highly dangerous situation professionally and without hesitation.”

Sergeant White has since retired.