

CrimeStoppers Officer of the Year Nomination

Officer Marcus Ball

Kenner Police Department

Chief Keith A. Conley proudly nominates Officer Marcus Ball for CrimeStoppers Officer of the Year in recognition of his exceptional dedication to public safety, life-saving intervention, and unwavering commitment to protecting the citizens of Kenner.

On October 25, 2024, the Kenner Police Department received a call from a military crisis line regarding a suicidal male armed with a knife who also had his one-year-old son in his custody. The subject was uncooperative and refused to provide his address, creating a volatile and time-sensitive situation. Utilizing investigative resources, officers were able to ping the subject's cellular phone and narrow his approximate location.

Recognizing the urgency and gravity of the circumstances, Officer Ball took the initiative to personally engage with the individual. For approximately three hours, Officer Ball demonstrated extraordinary patience, empathy, and professionalism as he worked to build rapport and gain the man's trust. Through calm communication and steady reassurance, Officer Ball successfully persuaded the individual to exit his residence, surrender the child safely to a family member, and accept the medical assistance he desperately needed.

Officer Ball's actions unquestionably prevented a potential tragedy. His composure under pressure and compassionate approach reflect the highest standards of law enforcement and exemplify the mission of the Kenner Police Department to serve and protect.

In addition to this life-saving intervention, Officer Ball has distinguished himself through aggressive and proactive impaired driving enforcement. Since June 2024 alone, Officer Ball has written **45 DWI arrests**, leading the department in impaired driving enforcement. His work has earned recognition from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for recording the highest number of DWI arrests within the department. Each arrest represents a potentially prevented crash, serious injury, or loss of life.

Whether through compassionate crisis intervention or decisive enforcement action, Officer Ball consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty. His actions demonstrate integrity, courage, and an unwavering commitment to community safety.

For these reasons, Chief Conley wholeheartedly recommends Officer Marcus Ball for CrimeStoppers Officer of the Year.