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DOVER, NH, On July 8, 2022, the Dover Police Department held a brief ceremony to swear in Sergeant David Collis and to award Detective Molly Martuscello and Officer Juel Cooper with Life Saving Awards.

Sergeant Collis has been with the department for nearly 11 years. During that time he has held various special assignments including Field Training Officer and Problem Oriented Policing Officer. He has also been a longtime member of the Strafford County Regional Tactical Operations Unit.

Sergeant Collis has been assigned to the Field Operations Division as a Patrol Sergeant.

Officer Cooper and Detective Martuscello received the Department's Life Saving Award for stopping a distraught teen from committing suicide. On Friday, June 10, 2022, the Dover Police Department began receiving calls about a male on the top level of the Orchard Street Parking Garage sitting on the edge of the uppermost wall. The male, who is a 16-year-old juvenile, appeared as though he was planning to jump.

Multiple officers responded to the area. Detective Molly Martuscello and Officer Juel Cooper arrived first. As the officers approached the teen, they quickly realized that he was not paying attention to his surroundings and unaware that they were approaching him. Based upon the teen's body language and demeanor, the officers believed the boy was preparing to jump. The officers took advantage of the element of surprise and grabbed him by his arms and pulled him from the ledge. While the officers were speaking with him, he stood up and attempted to jump over the wall but was prevented from doing so once again by Officer Cooper and Detective Martuscello.

The swift and composed action of Detective Martuscello and Officer Cooper prevented the teen from jumping from the parking structure and saved his life. He was immediately taken for a mental health evaluation.

The department's police social worker remains in contact with the juvenile's parents to offer assistance and has maintained contact with the family since the incident. He continues to receive treatment and is doing better.

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