

Grove City

Police Officer Paul Coleman

Law Enforcement Commendation Medal

On July 8, 2024 at approximately 9:30 a.m. officers were dispatched to a person experiencing a mental crisis. The male subject had a knife and was pacing in an area close to the civilians. Officer Coleman was the first officer to make contact with the male who had a knife in his hand.

Paul later stated that he could tell immediately that the man was developmentally delayed and experiencing a crisis. Although he would have been justified at times to use deadly force, considering the male was armed, Paul saw an opportunity to charge the male and execute a vertical stunning technique, tackling him into a wall.

This technique exposed Paul to a very high potential to be cut by a large knife. Altogether, it took a total of five officers and a sergeant to arrest this male. They exhausted all force options, without resorting to deadly force.