

**The Rock Island Police Department**  
**Rock Island, Illinois**

**Certificate of Appreciation**

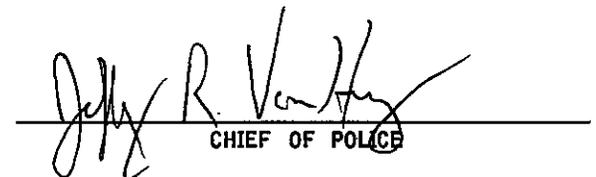
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**Gary Morehouse**

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Given this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2013

  
MAYOR

  
CHIEF OF POLICE

# APPRECIATION



August 26, 2013

**Gary Morehouse**

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Officer Adam Gray was attempting to arrest a wanted subject subsequent to a traffic stop on the Centennial Bridge. The suspect had removed a two month old child from their car seat and was utilizing the child as a shield to prevent his arrest. As the Officer attempted to take the suspect into custody, a violent struggle ensued, with the Officer at one point being forced backwards, nearly over the pedestrian guard rail. The Officer was unable to utilize any of his intermediate weapons or substantial force out of fear of injuring the infant that the suspect was holding. Observing the struggle, you immediately ran to the aide of our officer and assisted him by following his orders and taking a hold of the infant. You acted without hesitation and without regard for your own personal safety. Due to your swift action, Officer Gray was able to take the suspect into custody with the help of additional officers. No injuries were sustained by the infant or the officers as a result of the incident.

Your prompt and courageous actions, while disregarding your own personal safety, are worthy of recognition.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey R. VenHuizen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "V".

Jeffrey R. VenHuizen  
Chief of Police