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Dear Members of the National Sheriffs' Association,

I am writing to formally nominate Deputy Paul Williams of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office for the NSA Deputy Sheriff of the Year award for Valor. On October 15, Deputy Williams demonstrated exceptional bravery and quick thinking during a critical incident at Calvary Church off Pineville-Matthews Road.

At approximately 12:45 p.m., Deputy Williams, who was off duty but present in the area, responded to alarming reports of yelling and smoke coming from the courtyard. Upon his arrival, he encountered a dangerous situation: smoke and flames were billowing from a chiller/boiler room, and the windows were blown out above it. Without hesitation, Deputy Williams utilized his radio to call for emergency medical services and assistance from the Charlotte Fire Department.

Amid the chaos, he noticed a construction worker attempting to shut off a gas valve while nearby mulch had ignited. Recognizing the imminent threat of an explosion, Deputy Williams acted swiftly. He retrieved a fire extinguisher from his vehicle and successfully extinguished the flames threatening the open gas line, averting a potential catastrophe.

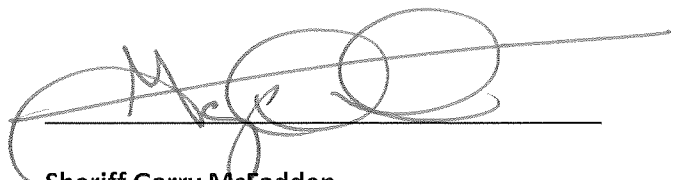
Additionally, when the construction worker exhibited signs of distress and possible burns, Deputy Williams ensured the individual was moved to safety. He stayed with the worker until emergency medical personnel arrived, facilitating their quick response, and ensuring the worker received the necessary medical attention.

Thanks to Deputy Williams's decisive actions, the situation was contained without further injury or damage. The Charlotte Fire Department responded with multiple units and efficiently managed the scene.

Deputy Williams embodies the values of dedication and courage that we hold dear in our law enforcement community. His swift and selfless actions not only protected lives but also showcased the importance of collaboration during crises. I wholeheartedly endorse him for this esteemed recognition.

Thank you for considering Deputy Paul Williams for the NSA Deputy Sheriff of the Year award for Valor. His exemplary service deserves to be acknowledged and celebrated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Garry McFadden', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with large, loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sheriff Garry McFadden
Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office