

ECO Michael Sweeney

Emergency Communications Officer (ECO) Michael Sweeney has been employed with the Richmond City Department of Emergency Communication since June 2017. He is nominated for his attendance and willingness to aid his peers in professional development.

ECO Sweeney is a conscientious worker. He has not been late or missed a day of work since January of 2020. He is applauded for his impeccable attendance and dependability as an employee.

Currently, he is training ECO Russell, graduate of the 35th Basic Dispatch Academy, on Police Radio operations. He often, takes on the roles of mentor, evaluator, and role model to facilitate a conducive learning environment. ECO Sweeney is relentless in completing the task for training and dedicated to the primary roles of a dispatcher. During the month of March, the department faced some challenges due to COVID; however, ECO Sweeney continued a path of excellence by showing up for the job at hand.

ECO Sweeney volunteered to attend an eight-hour training course on “Autism 101 Safety” conducted by the Richmond City Police Department. When he returned to work, he shared his newfound insight with his supervisors and coworkers, discussing how dependable and impactful the information received could be for dispatchers and police officers on the job. In addition, he made “A Platoon” aware that April is Autism Awareness Month, on a national and global scale. Just in case someone wanted to continue the efforts to raise awareness, encourage acceptance, and spur change.



On March 17, 2021, ECO Sweeney managed a traffic pursuit in which RPD units pursued a suspect for an hour inside the city limits for a weapons and narcotics charge. Throughout the incident, he adhered to all procedures and orders issued by the DEC Supervisor, Police Sergeant, RPD units, and State Police. As efforts were coordinated, ECO Sweeney relayed critical information to the units on scene without skipping a beat. His swift actions aided police with apprehending the criminals without further injury or harm. He maintained his cool, calm, and controlled demeanor during the event. Afterwards, several police units recognized ECO Sweeney’s efforts on Police Channel 1.

In summary, during the month of March, ECO Sweeney’s dependability, expertise, and commitment were put to the test. The department benefits tremendously from his efforts, and contributions, whether it was participation, expanding his expertise, or perfect attendance.