



## **Harris County Sheriff's Office**

Deputy Derek Rivesman

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, Deputy Derek Rivesman, was dispatched to a call in West Harris County involving a suicidal male with a shotgun. Upon arrival to the parking garage, Deputy Rivesman checked every floor until they got to the top level. Once arriving to the top level, he observed the consumer, standing next to a vehicle in the northeast corner of the floor. Upon approach, he noticed that the consumer was carrying a 12-gauge shotgun in his hand. Upon initial contact with the consumer, he advised he wanted to kill himself. After hearing the consumer say he wanted to kill himself, he called for additional units, and a mental health unit to assist. He began speaking with the consumer at which point he was able to slow the situation down and communicate with the consumer effectively. As complex as the situation was and all the factors that led up to this moment, Deputy Rivesman was able to communicate effectively to everyone on scene and bring tranquility to such a chaotic situation. As Deputy Rivesman spoke with the consumer, he was able to de-escalate and was able to get the consumer to unload the shotgun, and placed it down against the wall of the garage. After putting the weapon down, the consumer was escorted away from the vehicle, and the weapon was secured. The consumer was escorted to a safe area, before he was detained and transported to the Neuro Psychiatric Center (NPC), for evaluation, and to get him help.

Deputy Rivesman utilized the fundamentals of what our Crisis Intervention and De-escalation training are and exercised one of our Core Values to "Protect our citizens with honor and courage." Deputy Rivesman is an 8 years veteran of the Harris County Sheriff's Office and currently serves in District 4. We are proud to have him in our agency as he represents true leadership.

