



On October 3rd, 2015 around 2:00 in the afternoon, Sgt. Cole was dispatched to the area of SE 89/I-35 to locate a possible suicidal subject.

Upon Sgt. Cole's arrival he located Mr. Dean and attempted to engage him in conversation. Mr. Dean's reply to Sgt. Cole was, "I'll jump over this bridge."

As Cole continued talking to Mr. Dean he put a leg over the edge and began to straddle the wall of the bridge.

Several comments that Mr. Dean made indicated that he was obviously upset about something and that he had every intention of jumping. He made comments about forgiveness and then began to pray as he moved further over the ledge.

Sgt. Cole concluded that if he didn't take action severe injury or even death to Mr. Dean was highly likely.

He tried to move closer as Dean would look away. Instantly Dean threw his other leg over the edge. At the same time Sgt. Cole lunged at and grabbed Mr. Dean's shirt. With the assistance of a Norman officer, Sgt. Cole was able to pull Mr. Dean back up to safety.

Facing the potential of harm himself, Sgt. Cole performed at a standard that is synonymous with police work in Oklahoma City. His diligence, perseverance, and awareness of the situation undoubtedly led to a safe outcome. For his actions that day Sgt. Cole is to be commended, and we at the OKC Fraternal Order of Police are proud to honor him as our Officer of the Month for October 2015.