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Cheektowaga Police officer, NFTA officer given New York State's Police Officer of the Year awards

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(WIVB) - Two law enforcement officers from Western New York are among 20 recipients of New York State's Police Officer of the Year Award.

Lt. Anthony Filipski with the Cheektowaga Police Department and Officer David Capretto with the NFTA Police are among the recipients and are being recognized with certificates of exceptional valor.

On Nov. 14, Lt. Filipski and another officer responded to a call of an active shooter at Dollar General off of Union Road, and apprehended the fleeing suspect without firing a single shot.



Lt. Anthony Filipski tackled the suspect about 200 yards from the store. His actions were caught on the police cruiser dashboard.

Officer Capretto rescued a three-month-old baby from a man who had crashed his vehicle on the Route 198 ramp to the Kensington Expressway during a blizzard in March 2017.

"Medical personnel later indicated that the naked infant likely would have died had it not been for Officer Capretto wrapping her in a towel and placing her inside his jacket for warmth after she was rescued," a press release from Gov. Andrew Cuomo's office said.

The Police Officer of the Year Award was first presented in 1984. The award recognizes a single police officer or team of officers for an exceptional act of valor symbolizing the service of police in New York State.

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