

Christmas Miracle: Detroit officer saves woman from suicide attempt

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Photo by Photo by Fred Mouniquet: Detroit Police Officers Dispatched at 10 a.m. Christmas Morning

DETROIT, MICH. — It was a Christmas miracle: a Detroit police officer rescued a suicidal woman early Christmas morning as she swayed precariously over a towering freeway overpass.

The Detroit Police Department released video from Officer Greg Fereborn's body camera on its Facebook page this morning. The distraught woman's face has been blurred, but she is seen standing in stocking feet, the wind whipping her hair, as tears stream down her face.

Fereborn repeatedly asks the woman's name, but she only responds by telling him "it doesn't matter."

"It does matter. It does matter," Fereborn assures her.

He slowly approaches her as cars whiz by.

"I've seen the other world. Nothing is real," she says.

Fereborn finally gets close enough to grab the woman's arm and yanks her from the ledge. Once on the ground, he handcuffs her for safety.

"We're going to get you some help," Fereborn is heard saying. "Whatever's going on, it's not worth it."

Fereborn later released the following statement: "I was just trying to approach her, calmly, slowly, and trying to get her down as quickly as I could."

Police have not released the woman's name but did say she recently left her job at a large research facility in Ohio, which may have been a contributing stressor.