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Operations Employee Assists with Police Capture

At first, June 9 was just an ordinary work day for Albert Fieghalstaler, a Grounds Maintenance Worker 2 in Operations District 5. He was hard at work on his Gator Utility Vehicle on the Schuylkill River Trail, when a police officer dressed in plain clothes jumped into the passenger seat. The police officer instructed Albert to turn the gator and speed down the trail. As it turns out, the officer was in hot pursuit of a suspect who was eventually arrested and charged with slashing the face of a woman on or near the Walnut Street steps.

Albert complied without hesitation, and after driving approximately one block, ended up aiding with the capture of the suspect, along with the other officers in the vicinity. “At first I felt scared because I didn’t know what was going on. Then I saw the radio and realized it was an undercover cop,” Albert said. “I felt very proud to assist the police in the capture of this suspect.”

Philadelphia Parks & Recreation commends Albert on his heroic actions that day. If you ever see Albert out working on the Schuylkill Trail, be sure to thank him as well.