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Hero cop keeps his head to deliver baby

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A veteran NYPD sergeant was hailed as a hero yesterday for delivering a baby girl — less than 10 hours after a bullet pierced his helmet during a fierce gun battle.

"It was a long, long day," said Sgt. Winston Smith of Emergency Service Unit Truck 8 in Brooklyn.

"The nature of what we do is to maintain life and bring life into the world."

Smith's whirlwind tour began at 1:10 a.m. yesterday when he rushed, along with several other cops, to a building on Jefferson Street in Bushwick to help serve an arrest warrant upon Kenneth Foy, 35.

Foy was being sought for allegedly shooting 911 operator Katisha Singletary, 24, in Harlem Wednesday.

Singletary — whom cops said had a "relationship" with Foy — was left paralyzed, authorities said.

Foy fled to the home of an acquaintance, and when the cops showed up, a fierce gun battle erupted in a hallway, said Smith, who was carrying a bulletproof shield while standing in front of a colleague, Officer Craig Hunter.

One of the bullets went partially through Smith's Kevlar helmet, but miraculously he was not hurt.

Police returned fire, hitting Foy several times. He was in stable condition.

At 11 a.m., Smith, accompanied by Hunter, was returning from a checkup at Jamaica Hospital.

They were flagged down by "a lot of screaming pedestrians" and Derrick Chandler, whose wife, Donna, was giving birth in their Nissan.

Smith, a former paramedic who had delivered some 60 babies in the four years before he became a cop, leaped into action.

He helped deliver the little girl — a 7-pound, 15-ounce baby named Jodi Alexis. Then, he said, Hunter "donated a pair of shoelaces" to tie the umbilical cord.



'LONG DAY': ESU cops Winston Smith (holding his pierced helmet) and Craig Hunter. N.Y. Post: Dan Brinzac

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