
LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Lane County Sheriff's Deputies and Community Members Recognized for Life Saving Efforts

Sheriff Byron Trapp will be available for interview today at 11:00 am at the Sheriff's Office.

Eight deputy sheriffs and two community members were recognized on April 4, 2017 for actions taken during recent emergency events. At the ceremony, Sheriff Byron Trapp described each of the events where the award recipients acted quickly and without hesitation, and in many cases resulted in a life being saved.

LIFE SAVING AWARDS

Coordinated Effort by Jail Deputies Saves Inmate's Life

In February 2017, Deputy Patrick Utter discovered an inmate at the Lane County Jail who had tied a sheet around his neck, was unresponsive and without a pulse. Deputy Courtney Anderson and Deputy Amanda Campbell worked with Deputy Utter and used a ligature tool to remove the sheet. A pulse was detected in the inmate shortly thereafter. Medical first responders were called and the inmate survived. Had it not been for the calm, quick, and coordinated response of the deputies, this inmate may not be alive today.

Deputy Performs CPR on Vehicle Crash Victim

In January 2017, Deputy Jeremy Shay was off duty when he observed a vehicle on fire as he was on his way home. Deputy Shay pulled over and contacted dispatch for assistance. He located one of the two occupants who had been ejected from the vehicle. Deputy Shay initiated CPR on the first victim and maintained a clear airway to prevent choking and suffocation until additional help arrived. He then assisted in pulling the victim to safety as the tires on the burning car began to explode. The second victim was located shortly thereafter and was, sadly, deceased. The first victim was transported to the hospital and likely would not be alive today without the efforts of Deputy Shay.

Deputy Saves Suicidal Inmate on His First Day on the Job

Deputy Logan Crow was on his first day on the job as a deputy at the Lane County Jail when he made the decision to do an extra check of the inmates in his housing area. This is when Deputy Crow found an inmate unresponsive in his cell. Deputy Crow summoned the assistance of his Field Training Officer, Deputy Neil Woolsey, and Deputy Steve Marshall who was also working in the area. When deputies entered the inmate's cell, they found him not breathing, partially under a blanket with his skin purple in color and a sheet tied around his neck. With the help of Deputy Marshall and Deputy Woolsey, the ligature was removed and the inmate began breathing again. These three deputies were presented with the Life Saving Award for their successful efforts in saving the life of this suicidal inmate.

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Deputy Recognizes Inmate in Anaphylactic Shock, Saving an Inmate's Life

Deputy Branden Walton was picking up meal trays in the Lane County Jail when he noticed an inmate having trouble breathing. The deputy recognized this labored breathing as a symptom of an allergic reaction and quickly summoned medical staff. He assisted the inmate by talking to him and keeping him calm to help his breathing until medical staff arrived. Without the quick recognition of this potentially deadly situation, this medical event could have turned out differently. Deputy Walton was presented with a Life Saving Award for his quick identification of this medical emergency and actions taken to ensure medical intervention was received in time.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

The Meritorious Award is conferred upon staff or associates who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to service to the community through professional application of public service / law enforcement principles and practices.

First Responder is Actually Crash Victim

In November 2016, an Oregon State Police Trooper encountered a serious motor vehicle crash on Beltline during rush hour. One of the vehicles, a Nissan Xterra, was on its top, and the highway was completely blocked. The driver of the other vehicle, a Nissan Altima, was severely injured with broken bones and a possible neck injury. The OSP Trooper was approached by a man at the scene who told the Trooper he was an off duty medic and offered to help. The man applied a C-Spine device and stabilized the driver's broken leg and stayed to keep her calm until an ambulance arrived. It was later discovered that the man who provided medical assistance to the driver of the Altima was actually the driver of the Xterra that flipped over on its top during the crash. Instead of waiting to receive assistance for himself, he immediately jumped in to help the other injured motorist. While not on duty at the time, this community member is also a Reserve Deputy Sheriff for Lane County. We sincerely thank him for his service to his community and to those in need.

SHERIFF'S APPRECIATION AWARD

The Sheriff's Appreciation Award is presented to private citizens who have performed an outstanding act which greatly assisted the Sheriff's Office in the performance of its assigned mission.

A community member was presented this award for his bravery and assistance during an incident when he observed one of two boat crash victims floating in the river. The community member put his life in danger and ultimately was able to assist in the rescue of one of the victims. Sadly, the second victim did not make it. We express our sincere gratitude to this community member who acted selflessly in a time of need to help another. This courage, compassion, and bravery is recognized by the Sheriff's Office with one of the highest awards provided to community members, the Sheriff's Appreciation Award.

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