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Your participation in today's Valor Awards is a powerful expression of your support for our 2019 Valor Award honorees, whose heroic and often life-saving actions are clearly worth describing as "above and beyond the call of duty.







On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Loudoun Chamber, we thank you for attending the 34th Annual Loudoun County Valor Awards.

We hope you enjoy this year's ceremony, which is part of a proud Loudoun Chamber tradition that allows our business community to express its deep and abiding gratitude for the service of our career and volunteer emergency first responders. The Chamber also is proud to honor those citizens who, when faced with an emergency, stepped up to assist another person in their time of desperate need.

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Loudoun County is truly fortunate to have our nation's finest business climate and a vibrant, healthy community. The Loudoun Chamber values the service of Loudoun's uniformed career and volunteer public safety personnel, whose contributions to our community are essential to our prosperity and our quality of life.

We also deeply appreciate the strong partnership the Chamber enjoys with our emergency first responders, from the leadership of the Police, Sheriff and Fire and Rescue agencies in Loudoun to the personnel that serve our community every day.

On behalf of the Loudoun Chamber, we are proud to offer our hearty congratulations to the 2019 Valor Award honorees! We know that you, our Loudoun Chamber members, join us in extending those congratulations.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Howard

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System Chief Keith H. Johnson Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System

The Loudoun County Public Safety Community is honored to welcome you to the Loudoun County Valor Award's 34th celebration of our men and women in Fire & EMS, Law Enforcement and citizens who have taken great personal risk or exhibited exceptional judgment in their duty to protect our community. Heroic and life-saving actions are extraordinary accomplishments and we should recognize these persons with the highest regard.

Each year, we partner with the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce to present the annual Loudoun County Valor Awards. With the support from the Chamber and the community, we have been able to recognize hundreds of public safety personnel in our community and we extend our sincere thanks for these partnerships.

Today, we honor the Award recipients and their incidents, deeds, acts or accomplishments and are thankful to have them as members of our community. As the leaders of our Loudoun County Public Safety agencies, we are humbled to work daily with these distinguished men and women in Loudoun County, and to be a part of this recognition ceremony.

We are appreciative of the Award recipients for their service and contributions both in and out of the line-of-duty. We congratulate all of our 2019 Valor Award honorees for their distinguished initiative and personal bravery in providing first aid, professional assistance, protection, or any physical act that contributed to the preservation of a human life. The prestigious awards that will be presented today are to honor our career and volunteer emergency first responders, and citizens alike.

Thank you to all of our Loudoun County public safety personnel and award recipients for your performance of duty and commitment to this community!

Sincerely,

Michael Agna

Sheriff Michael L. Chapman Loudoun County Office of the Sheriff

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VALOR AWARD CLASSIFICATION & CRITERIA

MERITORIOUS CIVILIAN AWARD

Recognition of everyday citizens for their extraordinary acts of courage or performance of heroic actions in emergency situations.

UNIT CITATION

Recognition of actions not normally involved in the performance of duties, actions of an extraordinary nature, or actions that display outstanding execution of duties by a unit/division/ company which demonstrate unusual judgment, zeal, ingenuity and/or bravery.

LIFESAVING AWARD

Recognition of actions not normally involved in the performance of duties, actions of an extraordinary nature, or actions that display outstanding execution of duties by an individual which demonstrate unusual judgment, zeal, ingenuity, bravery and/or personal risk and directly result in the saving of a human life.

CERTIFICATE OF VALOR

Recognition of actions not normally involved in the performance of duties, actions of an extraordinary nature, or actions that display outstanding execution of duties by an individual which demonstrate unusual judgment, zeal, ingenuity, bravery and/or personal risk.

BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR

Recognition of actions not normally involved in the performance of duties, actions of a heroic nature, or actions that display outstanding execution of duties by an individual which involve personal risk and demonstrate unusual judgment, zeal, bravery and/or ingenuity.

SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR

Recognition of actions not normally involved in the performance of duties, actions of a heroic nature, or actions that display outstanding execution of duties by an individual which involve significant personal risk and heroism and demonstrate unusual judgment, zeal, bravery and/or ingenuity.

GOLD MEDAL OF VALOR

Recognition of actions not normally involved in the performance of duties, actions of a heroic nature, or actions that display outstanding execution of duties by an individual which involve supreme sacrifice or extreme personal risk and heroism and demonstrate unusual judgment, zeal, bravery and/or ingenuity which is clearly above and beyond the call of duty.

STU PLITMAN FIRST RESPONDER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

This Award is given in honor of Stu Plitman, the founder of the Loudoun First Responders Foundation and a tireless advocate for all career and volunteer emergency first responders, and their families, in Loudoun County.

The Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce believes that law enforcement and emergency response is most effective when a community's first responders enjoy a positive and proactive relationship with the businesses and citizens they serve.

The Stu Plitman First Responders Community Service Award is granted to those emergency first responders who demonstrate the highest commitment to fostering positive relationships with the Loudoun County community in ways that positively enhance the safety and security of our citizens.

"Even against the greatest of odds, there is something in the human spirit – a magic blend of skill, faith, and valor..."

- Walter Lord, American Author

CONGRATULATIONS HONOREES!



STU PLITMAN FIRST RESPONDER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



MASTER POLICE OFFICER CHRIS TIDMORE

Leesburg Police Department **THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT** of the Stu Plitman Community Service Award is Master Police Officer Chris Tidmore, of the Leesburg Police Department.

Over his nearly two decades of service to the Leesburg community, MPO Tidmore has served in several specialized roles in which he has demonstrated outstanding commitment to serving his community. These include: School Resource Officer; Crime Prevention; Emergency Response Team (Tactical Element); Public Information Officer; Emergency Response Team (Negotiations Element); Honor Guard Team; Crisis Intervention Team; Departmental Mentor; and Field Training Officer.

Officer Tidmore also manages one of the most complex but impactful crime reduction programs the Department offers. The program involves conferring legal authority from property owners/managers to officers, to remove from their property unwanted visitors who occupy common areas, commit crimes, and make these areas more dangerous for residents and businesses.

Officer Tidmore also created the Leesburg Police Department's Police Explorer Program through the Boy Scouts of America and served as group leader for four years, having a positive impact on several young people who aspired to public safety careers.

MPO Tidmore has been one of the principal organizers of the National Night Out celebrations in Leesburg. For several years now, Officer Tidmore has provided coordination and leadership, arranging partnerships, sponsorships, staffing, food, refreshments, activities, and prizes for these events.

On his own time, Officer Tidmore also developed and organized the Department's "Holidays with the Cops" program. Now in its tenth year, this program provides underprivileged children with a holiday meal and shopping trip for gifts. In 2018, eighteen children participated in this event. They were selected based on MPO Tidmore's contacts in the schools, social service agencies, and police networks.

Over the years, Officer Tidmore has organized fundraisers, collected household supplies, and even automobiles for residents who were in need for various reasons. All of which have been done on his own initiative, on his own time, and sometimes at his own expense.

Officer Tidmore truly exemplifies the spirit of the Stu Plitman Community Service Award by fostering positive relationships with the Loudoun community in ways that enhance the safety and security of our citizens.





Thank You

to all the men and women who bravely serve Loudoun!



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INCIDENT ONE

MERITORIOUS CIVILIAN AWARD



JohnMorgan Massa

ON JUNE 14, MR. JOHNMORGAN MASSA WAS DRIVING HOME on

Sterling Boulevard near the Route 28 overpass when he observed a female sitting on the railing. Mr. Massa stated that he observed that she was crying while sitting and dangling her feet over the edge. He stopped his car and approached the female. While speaking with her, Mr. Massa saw she was in crisis. He continued speaking with her and also called 911.

Mr. Massa saw that she was starting to lean forward and only three inches of her body were left on the railing. He moved quickly towards her wrapped his arms around her and pulled her off the railing onto the sidewalk.

The critical lifesaving actions and courage exhibited by Mr. Massa allowed him to secure the female without regard for his own safety and undoubtedly saved her life.

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INCIDENT TWO

MERITORIOUS CIVILIAN AWARD



Mohammad Yama

JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT ON APRIL 26, 2018, Mohammad Yama called 911 to report a woman walking along Route 28, just north of Dulles Airport. He pulled over to check on her and reported that the woman was dressed in dark clothing and was barefoot. It was a cold and very dark evening, and the situation was dangerous because of the vehicles travelling at a high rate of speed on Route 28.

When the young woman came close to Mr.Yama's vehicle he explained that he was worried for her safety and that he was on the phone with 911. Mr.Yama focused on maintaining a calm demeanor to keep the pedestrian from making any erratic moves near the highway traffic. Mr.Yama asked for her name, and then offered her a pair of his wife's shoes and a jacket from his car. Mr. Yama remained with the young woman until the Sheriff's deputies arrived.

Checking the woman's identification, the deputies learned that Fairfax County Police had posted that she was a missing person in need of medication. Fairfax Police and her family were notified and the woman was transported to a local hospital for medical and mental health treatment.

Thanks to both his acute awareness and concern for a total stranger, Mr. Mohammad Yama took both the time and the risk to check on the welfare of a complete stranger. INCIDENT THREE

MERITORIOUS CIVILIAN AWARD

JUNE 10, 2018 WAS A WARM AND SUNNY DAY AS THE DRAGONS YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAM ENJOYED their post season pool party at a home in Ashburn. Sometime during this celebration, a seven-year-old boy was discovered at the bottom of the pool. Coach Gabe Mendoza and parent Amber Boyd rushed into the pool and brought the child poolside. They then discovered that he was not breathing and had no pulse. They immediately initiated CPR and within one minute, the child began breathing on his own.

By the time Fire and Rescue units arrived the child was conscious, breathing, and had a pulse. He was taken to Inova Loudoun emergency room where he made a full recovery.

There is no doubt that if Amber Boyd and Gabe Mendoza had not acted quickly and effectively to rescue this child from the pool and provide CPR, the outcome would have been much different.

Not pictured: Gabe Mendoza & Amber Boyd

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INCIDENT FOUR

MERITORIOUS CIVILIAN AWARD

LEANN MICHEALS IS A LOUDOUN MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS volunteer who completed the REVIVE Train the Trainer program.

This program trains non-medical rescuers how to use Narcan to reverse opioid overdoses. On December 11, 2018, Leann put that training to use when she encountered a neighbor who was overdosing, barely conscious and in respiratory distress.

Leann administered one dose of Narcan and within minutes the neighbor's condition vastly improved. According to medical personnel, Leann's heroic action saved the neighbor's life.

(not pictured, Leann Micheals)

INCIDENT FIVE

MERITORIOUS CIVILIAN AWARD





(top to bottom) Ewurama Amartey Paakofi Amartey

IT WAS JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON JANUARY 4, 2018 WHEN the

Loudoun County 911 dispatch received a call from nince-yearold Ewurama, reporting that her mother appeared to be having a seizure.

The only other person in the home was Ewurama's seven-year-old brother, Paakofi. Ewurama appeared very composed and was able to assist the 911 Fire Rescue dispatch by answering questions and providing information.

She sent her younger brother to wake a neighbor for additional assistance. Young Ewurama was calm and composed throughout the event and was clearly aware what to do in an emergency.

Both children took calm and effective action throughout their mother's medical emergency and should both be commended for their actions.

INCIDENT SIX

MERITORIOUS CIVILIAN & UNIT CITATION AWARDS









DE ANNA FARMER WAS ASSISTING SHOPPERS AND COWORKERS at the Kohl's Department Store in Sterling, when she suddenly heard a loud commotion.

Moving towards the sound, De Anna noticed a small boy with his foot trapped halfway down a moving escalator. While other bystanders stood by in disbelief, De Anna ran towards the escalator and pushed the emergency stop to prevent further injury.

A review of store security camera shows the boy's foot became trapped near the top and he was dragged halfway down the length of the escalator before the emergency stop was engaged.

Meanwhile, 911 was called and units E618, R680, ALS625, A615B, EMS601, SAF601, and BC601 responded. Arriving to find the child in great distress and facing a challenging rescue operation, the first responders immediately initiated a highly technical rescue operation to free the child's foot.

While several rescue units began to assess both the child's condition and the escalator's status, a rescue tool was placed next to the patient's foot to prevent additional injury, while pain medications were administered.





FROM TOP TO BOTTOM FF/EMT Nicolas Andrews FF/EMT Cody Armstrong Capt Nicole Artisst Tech Austin Bell Probationary Member William Burns FF/EMT Trevor Colby





Asst Chief/Paramedic Robin Davis Capt Jasen Dodson





FROM TOP TO BOTTOM EMT Brandon Hollingsworth Lt Trevor Lambert









Rescue crews then began removing the panels to expose the escalator's track and support structure. By carefully removing a sidewall without further injuring the child, rescue crews were able to create enough separation between the support wall and step plate to free the child's foot, which had been trapped for 28 minutes.

After removal of the patient's foot from the escalator, the patient was transported to Inova Loudoun Hospital.

Operating as a unit, while remaining calm, professional and focused throughout highly technical rescue, while also working to reassure a highly emotional young child, these Loudoun First Responders affected a successful rescue.

"...he was dragged halfway down the length of the escalator..."





FROM TOP TO BOTTOM Tech Brandon Moore FF/EMT Aaron Mundt Probationary Member Sarah Sanabria Capt Daniel Shealy Lt Greg Southwick Lt Andrew Tarbell





FROM TOP TO BOTTOM EMT Naunihal Virk FF Richard Wellhouse II

(not pictured: De Anna Farmer)



INCIDENT SEVEN

MERITORIOUS CIVILIAN & UNIT CITATION AWARDS







FROM TOP TO BOTTOM Kenneth Blount DFC Patrick Brick Dep Gerald Presson

ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 KENNETH BLOUNT WAS ATTENDING a wedding at the Algonkian Regional Park in Sterling, when just after 10:30 p.m. he was told that someone had been shot outside the venue. Mr. Blount ran out into the rain and located the victim approximately 100 yards away.

Mr. Blount called 911 and did his best to begin treating the victim's injuries. Mr. Blount provided accurate information on the victim's location and waived deputies down as they arrived, while simultaneously applying pressure to the victim's wounds and attempting to keep the victim calm. Mr. Blount assisted the deputies in providing additional first aid prior to the arrival of emergency rescue units.

When Deputies Gerald Presson and Patrick Brick arrived, they found the victim with two gunshot wounds to his legs and his pants completely colored a dark red due to the large amount of blood loss. Seeing the severe blood loss, Deputy Presson made the decision to apply his issued tourniquet and secured it properly to the victim's upper left leg. DFC Brick then applied his issued tourniquet to the victim's right leg, with the assistance of Deputy Presson. With both tourniquets applied they were able to stop the blood loss and stabilize the victim until the arrival of rescue.

Afterwards Mr. Blount stayed to provide a statement to law enforcement. During questioning it was discovered that Mr. Blount was a military veteran and he was aware of the basic first aid needed for a gunshot wound.

When rescue arrived DFC Brick remained with the victim while Deputy Presson transitioned to assisting with securing the scene and conducting interviews. The victim was transported to the Reston Hospital Emergency Room where he received treatment and survived his wounds.

INCIDENT EIGHT

MERITORIOUS CIVLIAN AWARD





FROM TOP TO BOTTOM Jennifer Boyd Yeni Garcia

ON MARCH 28, 2018 A WOMAN ENTERED THE LOBBY OF the Loudoun County Adult Detention Center, where Ms. Jennifer Boyd was working.

Ms. Boyd noticed the woman seemed to be in distress, so she asked if she was okay and gave her a place to sit down. Due to a language barrier, an interpreter, Ms. Yeni Garcia, assisted with translation. Both Ms. Boyd and Ms. Garcia noticed the woman was breathing heavily and in need of medical assistance. Ms. Garcia stayed with the female while Ms. Boyd called the ADC Medical staff and EMS.

Subsequently, the female was transported to Inova Loudoun Hospital and it was determined that she was in fact suffering from a heart attack. Ms. Boyd's and Ms. Garcia's swift actions and effective efforts resulted in saving this woman's life.

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INCIDENT NINE

LIFESAVING AWARD





FROM TOP TO BOTTON DFC Eric Cote DFC Aaron Lim

ON JULY 23, 2018, DEPUTY FIRST CLASS AARON LIM and Deputy First Class Eric Cote responded to a residence on Blossom Landing Way in Sterling for a report of a male who stabbed himself in the chest and fled the home.

Upon arrival, DFC Lim observed the male near the area of Whitewater Drive and Longford Way and engaged him in conversation. DFC Cote arrived soon after and observed an open puncture wound on the individual's chest. The deputies used their Crisis Intervention skills and were able to approach the male to apply pressure and first aid to the wound until EMS personnel arrived.

The male was transported to Reston Hospital where the hospital staff discovered the severity of the wound. When the male stabbed his chest, the knife pierced his lung and nicked the top layer of his heart.

Throughout the situation the deputies remained calm and through their compassionate understanding were able to maintain control, which led to saving the man's life.

"When the male stabbed his chest, the knife pierced his lung..."

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LIFESAVING AWARD



Senior Deputy Nathan House

ON AUGUST 23, 2018, SENIOR DEPUTY NATHAN HOUSE RESPONDED

for a check the welfare call on Cannonade Drive in Leesburg. The request originated from Fairfax County Police Department and the subject's ex-employer.

SD House knocked on the front door but did not receive an answer. He then walked around the property when he heard a faint sound coming from the garage. SD House opened the garage door by winging the garage door panel and observed the subject slumped over the steering wheel with the car running.

The deputy entered the garage that was immersed with fumes, pulled the male out of the vehicle, and turned off the car. The subject was transported to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The ingenuity and resourcefulness demonstrated by SD House were the determining factors in preventing a tragic outcome that day.

INCIDENT ELEVEN

LIFESAVING AWARD



Master Deputy Daniel Martynowicz

ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2018, Master Deputy Daniel Martynowicz responded to Fairway Drive in Sterling for a report of a subject who was using a razor to attempt suicide.

On scene the deputy observed the male inside his vehicle and so he initiated a conversation with the subject. After several minutes the male stepped out of the car and MD Martynowicz observed several lacerations to the subject's arm. MD Martynowicz used his first aid kit and applied pressure to stop the bleeding while EMS responded. A short time later the deputy noticed the bleeding was not slowing down and he applied the LCSO issued tourniquet to the male's arm which the trauma surgeon stated saved the male's life.

MD Martynowicz displayed exceptional patience, compassion and empathy during the situation which led to the male to listen to and trust the deputy. Throughout the situation the deputy remained calm and was able to get this man the mental health treatment he required.

INCIDENT TWELVE

MERITORIOUS CIVILIAN & LIFESAVING AWARDS









FROM TOP TO BOTTOM DFC William "Michael" Baker Ms. Nicole Bryan Asst. Principal Jeremy Cortash School Safety Officer Wayne Harrison **ON OCTOBER 12, A MALE STUDENT ATTEMPTED TO STRANGLE HIMSELF** while speaking to the school's counselor, Ms. Nicole Bryan, inside the assistant principal's office.

The student wrapped a lamp electrical cord around his neck and would not release it. Ms. Bryan attempted to remove the cord, but was unsuccessful. She called for Deputy First Class William "Michael" Baker, School Safety Officer Wayne Harrison, and Assistant Principal Jeremy Cortash.

When the staff arrived seconds later, the juvenile's face was blue and red, and his eyes were fluttering, and appeared to be in and out of consciousness. As DFC Baker, Mr. Cortash, Mr. Harrison and Ms. Bryan attempted to remove the cord the student started fighting.

The cord was finally removed and the student was unconscious and non-responsive for a few minutes. The juvenile woke up and quickly reached again for the cord to strangle himself again, and laid face down with his hands underneath him so they could not stop him.

DFC Baker, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Cortash attempted to grab the student's arms and the student kicked them. The student was again pulling tighter on the cord. Mr. Harrison and Mr. Cortash removed his arms from underneath his body and DFC Baker was able to place handcuffs on the juvenile to prevent him from reaching for the cord again. The juvenile was transported to the emergency room.

These emergency response and school professionals displayed resourcefulness in stressful conditions and impeccable teamwork throughout this challenging incident.

INCIDENT THIRTEEN

UNIT CITATION





FROM TOP TO BOTTOM FF/EMT John Wesley Howard FF/Paramedic Tyler Moxley

IT WAS JUST BEFORE 5 P.M. ON APRIL 15, 2018, when Medic 623 was returning to the station via Waxpool Road, when both crew members observed a young woman straddling the jersey wall of the bridge crossing the Dulles Greenway.

Medic 623's crew made a quick decision to pull over to check on the woman. As they approached her it was obvious she was upset but did not appear to be violent. Firefighter/Paramedic Tyler Moxley rolled down his window and asked her if everything was ok; her response was "no." He then exited the medic unit in a very calm manner and began to engage her. He asked her if she was thinking about jumping off the bridge and her response was "yes."

He eventually talked her into moving her location and assisted her with swinging her legs to the safe side of the wall. Firefighter/ Paramedic Moxley was about a foot away from the individual while he kept talking to her to figure out what was transpiring and if they could help in anyway. She was very upset from an argument she had with her parents and other things going on in her life. While Firefighter/Paramedic Moxley was talking to the female, Firefighter/EMT John Wesley Howard made sure a call was made to the Sheriff's Office.

During this time, Firefighter/Paramedic Moxley developed a rapport with the woman and asked if she would move to the back of the medic unit to warm up from the cold weather, which she agreed to. There she was given a blanket and a drink. Firefighter/EMT Howard joined them and both crew members worked together to calm her down and get her to discuss her life's challenges. Both crew members worked to lift her spirits and confidence and she even began to smile and laugh.

A Sheriff's deputy arrived on the scene and Firefighter/EMT Howard advised them of the situation. The deputy was able to get a good report from the female about the events leading up to the incident. The deputy later informed the female that he was in contact with her parents.

When her father arrived he was briefed on the situation by Firefighter/EMT Howard and the deputy. The female's father was very concerned about her safety and was very relieved to see his daughter and know that she was safe. He thanked the crew on Medic 623 and then gave his daughter a big hug, before they both left to return home.

Firefighter/EMT John Wesley Howard and Firefighter/Paramedic Tyler Moxley demonstrated an exceptionally high level of professionalism and caring throughout this incident, and in doing so they likely saved a young woman's life, and that of her family's.





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INCIDENT FOURTEEN

LIFESAVING AWARD



Deputy Brady Mullis

ON NOVEMBER 2, 2018, Deputy Brady Mullis responded to the Comfort Inn and Suites in Sterling in reference to an unconscious male.

Deputy Mullis utilized his training and moved into the position for CPR and commenced chest compressions and rescue breaths. Shortly after starting CPR, the male subject began to gasp for air. Deputy Mullis rolled the male subject into the recovery position and maintained contact until EMS arrived.

This incident was an outstanding example of highly effective action by first responders acting simultaneously as law enforcement officers and rendering emergency first aid.

INCIDENT FIFTEEN

LIFESAVING AWARD



Deputy Tyler Bradley

ON APRIL 11, 2018, Deputy Tyler Bradley responded to the 23000 Block of Ladbrook Drive in Sterling for a report of an unconscious male.

Upon arriving, Deputy Bradley determined the subject did not have a pulse and was in dire need of medical attention. Deputy Bradley began CPR and continued until rescue units arrived.

The deputy continued to assist Loudoun County EMS personnel with CPR and moving the subject into the ambulance. The quick and effective actions of Deputy Bradley and his knowledge of CPR undoubtedly helped save a life that day.

INCIDENT SIXTEEN

LIFESAVING AWARD



Chief A.J. Panebianco

ON THE MORNING OF HALLOWEEN, OCTOBER 31, 2018, at 10:35am, Town of Middleburg Police Chief A.J. Panebianco heard a loud noise outside the Department office. Soon after, a woman came into their office to report someone had crashed into parked vehicles in the adjacent parking lot.

Chief A.J. Panebianco and his Administrative Assistant ran out to the scene to find a gentleman slumped over the driver's seat of the car. He had suffered cardiac arrest while in a separate parking area and had crossed a street and driveway before crashing into the parked cars.

Immediately, the Chief took action, and although the driver was a large man and had his feet stuck under the pedals, the Chief Panebianco pulled him from the vehicle.

Despite already straining his back, the Chief then proceeded to perform CPR for an extended period of time. He continued CPR until Fire & Rescue services arrived.

Although the victim ultimately succumbed to his medical emergency, the immediate and timely response of Chief Panebianco sustained his life long enough to give his family an opportunity to say goodbye.

These life-sustaining efforts of Chief Panebianco fall outside of the regular duties that a Chief of Police would perform on a normal day of work, and yet he was fully prepared and trained to respond to this accident and medical emergency without concern for his own health.

INCIDENT SEVENTEEN

LIFESAVING AWARD





FROM TOP TO BOTTON MD Chad Davis DFC Natalie Martz

IT WAS SUNDAY, JUNE 17TH IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON, when rescue calls were called to the corner of E. Market St and Catoctin Circle for a report of an unconscious person.

Two off-duty law enforcement officers, Natalie Martz and Chad Davis, were behind a vehicle that suddenly swerved against a curb and came to a stop in the middle of the road. They ran to provide aid and immediately realized the driver was barely breathing. They began to render care as 911 was activated.

Very quickly, unit M613 arrived and crews determined the citizen no longer had a pulse and the incident was upgraded to a cardiac arrest, bringing more units to the scene.

The rescue crews worked together utilizing high performance cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, multiple defibrillations and medications to resuscitate the patient. After several minutes, their efforts proved successful.

The patient was transported to Inova Loudoun Hospital for treatment, where it was determined the patient had suffered a cardiac event nicknamed "the widow maker," as it is known to have profoundly negative outcomes.

As a testament to the quick actions of off duty local law enforcement officers, and the training and actions of Loudoun County Fire and Rescue staff, the patient was later discharged from the hospital to return home in good condition.

"...it was determined the patient had suffered a cardiac event nicknamed 'the widow maker'..."

INCIDENT EIGHTEEN

MERITORIOUS CIVILIAN & LIFESAVING AWARDS







FROM TOP TO BOTTOM Dispatcher Jessica Piansky Brandon Sutter James Sutter

ON MAY 20, 2018, PAUL HOFFMAN WAS MOWING HIS LAWN and collapsed. His neighbor, ten-year-old James Sutter noticed he was lying on the ground and told his father, Brandon Sutter who immediately called 911.

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Emergency Communication Dispatcher Jessica Piansky answered Mr. Sutter's call. In under a minute, Dispatcher Piansky determined that Mr. Hoffman was unconscious with ineffective breathing and summoned rescuers to the scene.

She immediately provided hands-only CPR instructions and coached Mr. Sutter to continue CPR until EMS crews arrived. The Paramedics delivered a single shock and Mr. Hoffman regained his pulse and breathing.

By the time they left for the hospital, Mr. Hoffman was speaking in full sentences. Doctors told Mr. Hoffman that if he had not had CPR administered to him by his neighbor before medics arrived, the outcome likely would have been different.

When Mr. Hoffman returned home a few days later, he noticed that someone finished mowing his lawn. He and his wife figured that it was his kind neighbor, but it was not. The crew of Engine 601 went back to Mr. Hoffman's home after their shift, while he was still in the hospital, and finished mowing his lawn for him.

CERTIFICATE OF VALOR







FROM TOP TO BOTTOM Deputy Randall Brown DFC Anne Ottosen Former Sgt. Eric Urbain

ON FEBRUARY 17, DEPUTY FIRST CLASS ANNE OTTOSEN observed a car stopped at a green light at the intersection of James Monroe Highway (Rt. 50) and Stone Springs Boulevard in Aldie.

As the deputy illuminated her spotlight on the vehicle, she saw the driver was motionless. DFC Ottosen approached the driver's side of the vehicle and found an unconscious male in the driver's seat with his foot still on the gas pedal.

Shortly after Sergeant Eric Urbain and Deputy Randall Brown arrived, they recognized the dangers of the car being still in gear and the windows rolled up and doors locked.

Sgt. Urbain and Dep. Brown positioned one cruiser in front of the car to prevent it from spontaneously moving forward into the intersection while DFC Ottosen then used her expandable baton to break the passenger side rear window.

DFC Ottosen reached inside to unlock the car and while she placed the vehicle in neutral, Deputies Urbain and Brown moved the driver to the ground. The driver had a faint pulse, but he was not breathing.

Sgt. Urbain observed narcotics inside the vehicle and administrated Narcan. The male subject let out a large gasp and his pulse was a little stronger but he was still unconscious. The driver was then transferred to the care of Loudoun County EMS.

INCIDENT TWENTY

UNIT CITATION







FROM TOP TO BOTTOM MD Nicholas Altom DFC Jennifer Carpenter DFC Christopher Iversen

ON FEBRUARY 11TH, Deputy First Class Jennifer Carpenter, Master Deputy Nicholas Altom, and Deputy First Class Christopher Iversen responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the area of Deidre Square in Ashburn.

They observed a male subject behind the wheel who appeared to be unconscious. In addition, the deputies observed drug paraphilia with white residue sitting on the armrest. Believing that narcotics were involved, Loudoun County Fire & Rescue was called to the scene.

When the deputies opened the car door they discovered that the driver was unresponsive. A dose of Narcan was administered by DFC Carpenter while the subject was in the front seat.

The subject was still unresponsive so the deputies removed him from the car and onto the ground and MD Altom started CPR. The subject remained unresponsive.

DFC Iversen then administrated a second dose of Narcan. After five and half minutes of continued CPR and two doses of Narcan, the subject regained a pulse and was breathing on his own.

The quick thinking and valiant actions of the involved deputies are the reason that the male is alive today.

"When the deputies opened the car door they discovered that the driver was unresponsive."

INCIDENT TWENTY-ONE

CERTIFICATE OF VALOR



FF Hunter Audlin

AFTER ATTENDING THE LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESUCE BANQUET

on Saturday, January 6, 2018, 17-year-old Hunter Audlin went home and was listening to the County's emergency dispatch communications.

Around 1:30 a.m. a call came in for a fire in his neighborhood. Hunter threw on his boots and wearing only pajama pants and a short-sleeved shirt, he raced to the house fire just two blocks away. He found the homeowner in her car and on the phone with 911.

Hunter told the homeowner what additional information to include, so that the correct equipment was sent. He determined that it was an active attic fire and described the situation and location to the dispatcher.

Hunter then proceeded to the neighboring townhomes to alert the residents and even helped look for the homeowner's cat. As the first responders arrived, Hunter pitched in to pull hoses, carry ladders and assist in any way he could. He was an integral part of the successful effort that kept the fire from spreading and taking any lives.

After a few hours, the Commanding Officer said to Hunter, "Aren't you cold?" Hunter responded, "Yes, I'm cold!" He was sent to the ambulance for warmth and a rest as he was still in just his pajama pants and short sleeve t-shirt.

The next morning, when Hunter woke up, his mother Amy Audlin asked him about the fire. He immediately said, "Don't be mad at me!" She was confused, until Hunter explained what he did and why. His actions allowed their neighbors the time they needed to get to safety, he provided a clear head to the homeowner and provided accurate and complete information to the first responders.

As she wrote in her nomination for these Valor Awards, "I was proud of him for jumping to his feet and doing what he loves... not so proud that he did not think to grab any gear or at least a coat."

INCIDENT TWENTY-TWO

LIFESAVING AWARD



Officer Wayne Gray

ON OCTOBER 16, 2018, around 4:30 am, Leesburg Police Officer Wayne Gray was dispatched to the Route 7/15 bridge that crosses over East Market Street, where a man was reportedly threatening to jump off the bridge to the roadway below.

Officer Gray arrived and found an adult male sitting on the bridge wall with his legs and most of his body hanging over the edge of the bridge toward the roadway below.

Officer Gray immediately engaged the man in conversation and asked, "Do you think you could come on this side of the wall to speak with me?" After some hesitation the man, who was visibly upset, complied and explained that he was committed to taking his own life.

Utilizing his quick wit and decision-making skills, Officer Gray was able to coax the man away from the edge and toward his police vehicle. There, Officer Gray explained alternatives and resources to help the man to understand and deal with depression.

The man was later given a ride to the Cornwall campus of Inova Loudoun Hospital where Officer Gray guided him through the process of obtaining Mental Health resources that he had not previously been aware of.

Demonstrating both exceptional professionalism and true human compassion, Leesburg Police Officer Wayne Gray helped prevent a man's suicide and helped him identify and access the help he so badly needed.

"...he found an adult male sitting on the bridge wall with his legs and most of his body hanging over the edge..."

INCIDENT TWENTY-THREE

MERITORIOUS CIVILIAN AWARD







FROM TOP TO BOTTOM Phillip Allen Alexander Emge Kristofer Nichols **IN OCTOBER OF 2018,** Kristofer Nichols; Phillip Allen; Alexander Emge were at work at the Amazon Web Service building in Loudoun when a co-worker, who had been sitting at his desk, appeared to be choking. In fact, the individual was soon experiencing a full cardiac arrest.

His co-worker retrieved the company AED and, as the device indicated, provided one shock. They then performed CPR for over six minutes prior to arrival of EMS.

That emergency response crew found the patient pulseless with ineffective respirations and continued efforts to revive him. Shortly after, he regained a pulse. He was admitted to Inova Loudoun Hospital where he was treated and released several days later, having made a full recovery.



"Valor is of **stability** not of legs and arms but of **courage** and the **soul.**"

Michel de Montaigne

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INCIDENT TWENTY-FOUR

BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR



Deputy Michael Matias

ON SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 29, 2018, Deputy Michael Matias was traveling to work on Fairfax County Parkway (Rt. 286) near Ox Road in his personal vehicle when he had to swerve, nearly hitting a disabled vehicle in his lane.

As he passed by the vehicle, he realized all of the airbags in the disabled vehicle had been deployed and the windows were shattered. With no rescue personnel in sight, he immediately pulled over to the shoulder lane to render aid.

As he crossed into the middle of Rt. 286, he came across a woman standing beside her car who identified herself as the driver of that vehicle. While speaking to the woman, he heard and briefly saw an 18 wheeler semi-truck approaching in their direction at a very high rate of speed. He yelled to another male near the scene and the woman to jump over the guard rail, as he jumped over with them. In these few seconds, the truck hit the disabled vehicle and knocked it about 300 yards.

Deputy Matias asked another bystander to call 911 as he ran down the shoulder lane to the semi-truck to render aide and assistance. The driver of the truck was not injured. As he spoke to him on the side of the parkway, multiple cars continued swerving to avoid vehicle debris.

In the ten minutes awaiting emergency vehicles to arrive, Deputy Matias directed traffic around the crash site in the safest manner he could without getting himself injured.

The ingenuity, performance and dedication shown by Deputy Matias on this incident had a direct effect on saving two lives.

"...he heard and briefly saw an 18 wheeler semitruck approaching in their direction..."



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