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Life Saving Awards presented to 2 Citizens and 2 Troopers

On Wednesday, July 7th, the Department of Public Safety-Highway Patrol Division senior leadership presented life saving awards to two citizens as well as recognizing two troopers for their heroic efforts by presenting each one with a meritorious service award. The award ceremony took place at 11:30 am at the NHP-Northern Command Headquarters on 357 Hammill Lane in Reno.

Civilian Award Details:

On September 5, 2009, there was an automobile accident on US Highway 50 near Newman Lane in Lyon County involving a vehicle that had been driven by Mr. Flores-Gonzales. He had apparently suffered a seizure while driving, crashed his car, and it caught on fire shortly thereafter.

Two passing motorists had stopped to provide assistance, Larry Moore of Dayton and Robert Teixeira Jr of Carson City, and realized that Mr. Flores-Gonzales was having medical problems which prevented him from exiting his vehicle. Mr. Teixeira used a shovel to pry open the door while Mr. Moore unbuckled the seat belt and removed Mr. Flores-Gonzales from his burning vehicle.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Teixeira acted in a very expeditious manner and went above and beyond the call of duty expected of ordinary citizens by risking their own lives to save the life of a complete stranger. Due to their quick and courageous actions displayed on September 5, 2009, each will be receiving a "Civilian Life Saving Award".

Trooper Award Details:

On December 4, 2009, Trooper Kassebaum stopped a vehicle for speeding on US95A, near Fir Avenue, in Silver Springs. After making contact with the driver, Trooper Kassebaum observed the passenger (right front) lying over in the seat and he appeared to be in a great amount of pain. As Trooper Kassebaum spoke with the driver, he stated he thought his friend was having a heart attack. The driver said that he was on his way to South Lyon Medical Center. Trooper Kassebaum immediately called for an ambulance/Care Flight, and while waiting Trooper Kassebaum observed a bottle of medication on the dash board. The medication was prescribed to the passenger. The prescription was for Nitro with a dosage of 1 pill every 5 minutes or as needed with a maximum of 3. The driver had mentioned earlier that the subject had a history of heart trouble / previous heart attacks. Based on the information obtained, Trooper Kassebaum gave one of the pills to the subject. As five minutes had passed the subject's condition did not appear to get any better. Trooper Kassebaum then gave him a second pill at which time Trooper Kassebaum noticed a big improvement in his condition. Shortly thereafter emergency personnel arrived (ground ambulance) on scene. Medical personnel advised that without that medication being administered the subject probably would not have made it to the hospital.

On September 23, 2009, Trooper Wesley Hubred received a request from NHP Dispatch to assist Churchill County Sheriff's Department at the Middle Gate Bar on US50 at the SR361 Junction. Trooper Hubred was informed by dispatch that a male subject was brandishing a firearm and was threatening to "shoot up" the bar. Trooper Hubred arrived within one minute of being dispatched and obtained a description of the male subject as well as the direction the subject had gone. Trooper Hubred located the subject leaning into a vehicle behind the bar. When the subject stood up from the vehicle, he had a rifle in his hand which the subject placed onto the roof of the vehicle. Trooper Hubred then issued verbal commands to the subject who became belligerent and uncooperative. Trooper Hubred transitioned from his AR-15 rifle to his TASER. Trooper Hubred warned the subject the TASER would be deployed if he did not comply with the verbal commands given. Trooper Hubred then took the subject into custody while also controlling the subject's spouse who had exited a nearby residence. Trooper Hubred then retrieved the rifle and unloaded approximately 12 rounds of ammunition from it. Trooper Hubred also noted a box of ammunition on the seat of the vehicle the subject was leaning into. Trooper Hubred later learned that the subject had also threatened suicide. Trooper Hubred risked injury and exposed himself to danger to prevent harm to patrons of the Middle Gate Bar and prevented damage to surrounding property. The swift actions of Trooper Hubred most certainly prevented the male subject from following through with his threats to harm himself. His actions reflect great credit upon himself, the Highway Patrol, and the Department of Public Safety.

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Deputy Chief Brian Sanchez is presenting the Life Saving award to Robert Teixeira Jr. Also pictured in shorts is the other award recipient Larry Moore and in the foreground is NHP Chief Tony Almaraz.



Deputy Chief Brian Sanchez is presenting Yerington-based Trooper Doug Kassebaum the Life Saving award. Also pictured is NHP Chief Tony Almaraz



Deputy Chief Brian Sanchez is presenting Tonopah-based Trooper Wes Hubred the Meritorious Service medal.
Also pictured is NHP Chief Tony Almaraz.