

2007 Officer Deric Swenson – Life Saving Award

On November 2, 2007, Officer Deric Swenson heard a medical assist of an intoxicated female at Mick's Office. Two other officers were dispatched by RRRDC. Officer Swenson responded on his own initiative. The first officer on scene made attempts to waken a female. Additional attempts were made by the second responding officer. Both officers knew that the female victim was too intoxicated for Detox so they requested an ambulance.

When Officer Swenson came on scene and did his evaluation of the female victim. He checked her eyes and checked her response by pushing on the victim's eyeball. Officer Swenson recognized an immediate threat of life and prompted the ambulance to respond emergent. Shortly after the ambulance crew arrived, the female victim lost her pulse and breathing. Officer Swenson's paramedic training was instrumental in establishing an airway for the victim and returning her breathing to normal.

Officer Swenson exhibited the highest standards of the police profession and saved a human life based on his compassion to help and his level of training.