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Subject: Recognition: Police Department Distinguished Service Award

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2008 Officer Torgerson – Life Saving Award

On January 27, 2007, Officer Torgerson was involved in a separate investigation when he overheard a call on the police radio of a 57 year old man having a heart attack and not breathing. Although he was not dispatched to the call, Officer Torgerson realized the urgency of the call, was in close proximity, and chose to respond. Officer Torgerson, along with two Clay County deputies, was the first officers to arrive on scene. They located the victim and were unable to find a pulse. All three officers worked together by successfully utilizing an Automated External Defibrillator. Between shocks, officers provided chest compressions and rescue breathing. Paramedics arrived, located a pulse, and transported the victim to a hospital. He made a full recovery and is doing well today.

Officer Torgerson exhibited the highest standards of the police profession and provided an opportunity for reconsideration and reflection.

