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Officer Gary Johnson Awarded 'Life Saving Medal'

MANITOU SPRINGS CO – Officer Gary Johnson, who has been with the Manitou Springs Police Department for almost 6 years, was awarded with a “Life Saving Medal” from Interim Police Chief Bill Otto for his courageous and selfless work that resulted in a life being saved.

Approximately one week ago, Officer Johnson responded to a car accident in which a passenger was trapped in a vehicle and losing blood at an alarming rate. Even though the accident was outside of MSPD jurisdiction, Officer Johnson promptly responded, kneeled in a bed of broken auto-glass, and performed a life-saving tourniquet on the passenger.

Although Officer Johnson states “I am just doing my job,” the Manitou Springs Police Department is extremely proud of the selflessness that Officer Johnson carries. Chief Otto stated “Officer Johnson is an example that every police officer at our department, this region, and the nation should strive to be. We are extremely proud of the quick-thinking actions he took that resulted in a life being saved.”

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