

**TO:** Mayor Robinson and City Council

**FROM:** Jeffrey L. McCormick, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Recognition Awards

**DATE:** August 27, 2015

### **BACKGROUND**

One of the things I did after coming to Cannon Falls was the implementation of a recognition program within the Police Department to formalize the process of recognizing both department employees and those that provide assistance to the department. I am proud of the actions of the officers and citizens previously recognized and I am very pleased to again be coming before the City Council to recognize three officers and a citizen from two different incidents

I have invited Officer Josh Colvard, Officer Jacob Edwinson and Officer Trevor Sullivan and a juvenile to the City Council meeting to receive this recognition. The juvenile does not wish to have public recognition to preserve the privacy of the friend and I understand his thought and respect his decision. As such I am not including his name and will meet with the juvenile and family privately to recognize what was done.

### **Officer Trevor Sullivan and Officer Jacob Edwinson Lifesaving Award**

### **Juvenile name withheld Citizen Recognition Award**

On July 1, 2015 at 7:47pm, Officer Trevor Sullivan and Officer Jacob Edwinson were dispatched to a juvenile male who stated he was going to jump off a bridge. Officer Sullivan learned from a juvenile friend who was with the juvenile male that they were on the grain bin at Ag Partners. Officer Sullivan advised Officer Edwinson and Dispatch of what he learned. When Officers arrived they observed the juvenile male sitting on the outside of the safety rail with his feet hanging over the edge, more than 125 feet above the ground. Officer Edwinson arrived and attempted to communicate with the juvenile male from the ground while Officer Sullivan looked for a way up the grain bin. Officer Sullivan got to the roof and saw the juvenile male was lying on his back with the juvenile friend holding onto him. Officer Sullivan grabbed the juvenile male's left arm to prevent him from jumping. Officer Sullivan and the juvenile friend were having a hard time restraining the juvenile male who was trying to get himself free and over the edge. Officer Edwinson saw assistance was needed and ran to assist Officer Sullivan. Officer Edwinson arrived and took over for the juvenile friend. Officer Edwinson was able to handcuff the juvenile male's right arm to a steel safety rail. At this point, the juvenile male threatened both officers but eventually started to calm down. The juvenile male's

guardian arrived at the top of the grain bin and along with the juvenile friend was able to get the juvenile male calmed down. The Officers Sullivan and Edwinston assisted the juvenile male in getting under the safety rail and escorted him off the roof.

Officer Sullivan's and Officer Edwinston's quick thinking and response to a suicidal juvenile and the actions of the juvenile's friend prevented the juvenile male from killing himself. It is for those actions that Officer Sullivan and Officer Edwinston are presented on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2015 with the Cannon Falls Police Department Lifesaving Award and (juvenile name withheld) is presented the Citizens Recognition Award.

### **Officer Josh Colvard, July 28, 2015 Lifesaving Award**

On July 28, 2015, at 11:59pm Officer Josh Colvard was dispatched to a medical of a woman in labor. When Officer Colvard arrived, he ran inside and learned the baby had been delivered. The baby's grandfather was holding the baby and it appeared to be in respiratory distress. Officer Colvard suctioned the baby girl's mouth, and she started to cry. Officer Colvard noted that was "Music to my ears". Officer Colvard cleaned the baby girl up a little, wrapped her up and handed her back to the grandfather along with instructions. Officer Colvard then tended to the medical needs of the mother. Officer Colvard then held the baby to monitor its condition until the Ambulance arrived and took over care.

It is for Officer Colvard's quick thinking and decisive action to provide medical assistance to ensure the baby was able to breath, and that both mother and baby were monitored until the ambulance arrived that Officer Colvard is presented on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2015 with the Cannon Falls Police Department Life Saving Award.