

2023 Local HEROES

Four Monroe police honored with lifesaving award



Sam Cooley file photo

Chief Jeffrey Jolley handing the lifesaving award to officers Shaun Van Eaton (right) and Garret Winfrey in July.

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MONROE — Officers Shaun Van Eaton, Garret Winfrey, Luther Coleman, and retired Officer Max Michel were honored July 11 with the Lifesaving Award and Team Unit Award for their actions on May 9, 2022, when they helped the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office with a tense and chaotic situation involving a male victim losing blood due to multiple gunshot wounds.

"If it was not for Officer Van Eaton and Officer Winfrey's actions in maintaining the

blood control, it is likely that the victim's injuries would have led to his death," Police Chief Jeffrey Jolley said.

Jolley presented the awards to the officers at the July 11 City Council meeting. Officers Van Eaton and Winfrey were present to accept the award. Officers Coleman and Michel were unable to attend the meeting time.

"I will present the lifesaving award for the rendering to the trauma care victim. All these officers are to be commended for their unselfish fearless act," Jolley said.

At 8:41 p.m. on May 9, officers Van Eaton, Winfrey, Cole-

man and Michel responded to a Snohomish sheriff's office call about a shots fired incident from road rage that had gone wrong. The victim was followed to his home in an unincorporated area of Snohomish County just north of the City of Monroe. Multiple bystanders were on the scene including the shooter who had to be ordered to the ground to insure safety to the first responders.

Once the scene was assessed the officers noticed a truck that was hit by multiple gunshots. Officer Van Eaton found the male victim with multiple gunshot wounds

and applied a tourniquet to the victim's leg. The male victim was in extreme pain and unable to communicate due to the injuries. The victim suffered from a gunshot wound located below his right shoulder; Winfrey recognized the importance of the injury and applied gauze to the wound to maintain blood control. The two officers continued medical assistance until the medical team could arrive.

The team's collaboration showed that they were able to communicate, cooperate, and contribute to the ultimate goal of life preservation.

PUD workers save two seniors from fire in house



Snohomish County PUD photo

Line crew who were honored for taking action to save couple in a home fire in Brier. From left to right: Anthony Haugstad, Justin Atkinson, Tre Harris, Kellan Bulman.

PUD press release

Four Snohomish County PUD Linemen received the General Manager's Life Saving Award during the PUD's Aug. 22 Commission Meeting for quick actions that likely saved lives and property threatened by a house fire.

Justin Atkinson, Kellan Bulman, Tre Harris and Anthony Haugstad were working in the Dundee neighborhood in Brier in June when they smelled smoke nearby. Two who approached the house noticed black smoke

coming from the back of the house.

Harris quickly called 911 while Atkinson ran to the house and pounded on the door. The sound woke an elderly man from his nap in time for he and his wife, who uses a walker, to safely exit the house.

According to South County Fire, in addition to likely saving a life, the crew's early reporting of the fire also limited property damage. It allowed firefighters to keep the fire contained to a small area of the garage and kept flames out of the living area of the

home.

The four linemen — Atkinson, Bulman, Harris and Haugstad — were also recognized as lifesavers at the Governor's Safety Conference that happened in September.

In a ceremony at Brier City Hall in July, Assistant Fire Chief Bob Eastman commended the four men and awarded them each a letter for their personnel file and the chief's challenge coin.

Sheriff's sergeant rescues people from Marysville house fire

Marysville Fire Department press release

In August, Marysville Fire District recognized a Snohomish County Sheriff's Sergeant who put his own safety at risk to rescue two residents from a quickly moving house fire.

As Sgt. Dan Dusevoir monitored his emergency radio in the early morning hours June 6, he heard the dispatch for a fully engulfed house fire near his location, with people believed to be inside the home. Sgt. Dusevoir was the first person to arrive at the scene in the 2700 block of 178th Place NE. He found the fire had now also engulfed a second home.

Dusevoir kicked open the door to the home believed to be occupied, made his way to the staircase and began yelling. Two people then appeared through the smoke in an upstairs hallway. The



Courtesy Marysville Fire Department

Marysville Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol and Snohomish County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Dan Dusevoir pose for a photo.

sergeant escorted both adults through the thick smoke and outside to safety. Minutes later, the fire spread to the upstairs bedroom.

"We want to emphasize the dangerous conditions that Sgt. Dusevoir faced as he opened the door to that home," Fire Chief Ned Vander Pol said. "This was a rapidly changing situation with conditions becoming very hot

and smoke making it very difficult to see. He truly put his own safety at risk by rescuing these two people and we are grateful for his actions."

No people were hurt in the fire, but two dogs died.

The smoke detectors did not activate. Fire departments encourage to check smoke detector batteries on a periodic basis.