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FOUR WELD COUNTY DEPUTIES RECEIVE LIFE SAVING AWARDS AND ARE RECOGNIZED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WELD COUNTY, CO – The Weld County Board of Commissioners recognized the efforts of four Weld County Deputies who were awarded Life Saving Awards by the Sheriff's Office. The deputies' work saved the lives of two people in separate incidents earlier this year.



Left to right: Commissioner Conway, Commissioner Cozad, Deputy Jaramillo, Deputy Kinch, Ron Worley (man saved in courthouse) Undersheriff Donnie Patch, Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman, Commissioner Kirkmeyer, and Commissioner Moreno (not pictured: Deputy Sauer)

The first incident occurred on February 18 as Deputy Landon Sauer, along with other deputies, was eating at a Greeley restaurant. As the deputies ate, a woman sitting near them began to choke on her food. Deputy Sauer performed the Heimlich maneuver three times to dislodge the blockage from the woman's throat—after which she regained her ability to breathe.

The second incident occurred on August 16, and involved a call made to dispatch regarding a man who had fallen unconscious and stopped breathing at the Weld County Court House. Deputies Steven Jaramillo, Grant Yount, and Derek Kinch responded and provided medical aid to the man before the ambulance arrived.

The officers applied the AED twice and performed CPR in shifts before being relieved by paramedics. The man, who was semi-conscious and breathing on his own when loaded into the ambulance, was present at Monday's Board Meeting to thank the deputies who saved his life, and pledged to place an AED machine at a location that does not yet have one. A plaque will be placed near the new device commemorating Jaramillo's, Yount's, and Kinch's action.

"It is a true honor to recognize these deputies," said Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman. "Ensuring the health and safety of Weld residents is our most important task, and our law enforcement is on the front line. The efforts of Deputies Sauer, Jaramillo, Yount, and Kinch resulted in two saved lives, and we couldn't be more proud of them."

To find out more about the Sheriff's Office and the deputies protecting Weld County, go to:
<http://www.weldsheriff.com/index.html>

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