Sheriff’s deputies of various ranks honored at ceremony

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McKinley County Sheriff’s Office awarded “Letters of Commendation” to law enforcement deputies of all ranks that went above and beyond the call of duty. The ceremony took place Jan. 31 at MCSO headquarters in Gallup. Below are the actual letters that each deputy received for their good work.

Deputy James

This letter is to formally and publically commend Deputy Garylle James for the excellent service he has provided to the McKinley County Sheriff’s Office and more importantly the citizens of McKinley County.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend you for the good work you did on March 11, 2017.

While on duty, you responded to the scene of an officer involved shooting and successfully

apprehended a suspect who killed Navajo Nation Police Officer Houston Largo.

On March 11th you, Sgt. Robert Turney and Deputy Clark arrived on scene and were soon able to track the suspect, Kirby Cleveland, who was concealing himself in the area. This was done after numerous attempts by other law enforcement personnel trying to apprehend the suspect. Your dedication and your perseverance to find the suspect with your fellow deputies is truly admirable.

Deputy Lee

This letter is to formally and publically commend Deputy Johnson Lee for the excellent service he has provided to the McKinley County Sheriff's Office and more importantly the citizens of McKinley County.

At 1:27 in the morning on November 5, 2017 you were patrolling the community of Gamerco when you heard a male and female arguing. You heard the female yell "call 911." After locating the individuals arguing outside of an apartment you noticed the male bleeding heavily from his left arm. Also noticing his left side was drenched in blood you alerted Dispatch to call out an ambulance.

As you exited your vehicle you quickly identified from the statement of the female that the male subject had punched a window and his arm had several large lacerations with blood running down it. You noticed the male swaying from side to side and as you reached out to grab him he collapsed to the ground. As his eyes rolled back in his head you reached for your tourniquet and placed it on the upper portion of his left arm above the lacerations and tightened it to stop the bleeding. You noted the time it was applied and stood by with him until medical staff arrived to take over.

Although this individual was the suspect of a crime you took swift lifesaving action and saved this man's life. On behalf of the McKinley County Sheriff's Office and the Citizens of McKinley County, we applaud your effort and dedication to our community.

Deputy Clark

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At 1:33 in the afternoon on New Year's Day 2017, you were dispatched to a residence in Gamerco requesting medical assistance.

When you arrived you noticed 2 women waiving you down, one of them holding an infant. Despite both ladies emotional distress you were able to take control of the lifeless infant.

You immediately started CPR on the infant, after 6 full compressions, the infant opened her eyes twice and cried out a faint whimper. Med Star Ambulance arrived shortly after and took over medical treatment. Your swift action and lifesaving skills saved the infant's life.

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Sgt. Turney

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On March 11th you and your subordinates Deputy James and Deputy Clark arrived on scene and were soon able to track the suspect, Kirby Cleveland, who was concealing himself in the area. This was done after numerous attempts by other law enforcement personnel trying to apprehend the suspect. Your dedication and your perseverance to find the suspect with your fellow deputies is truly admirable.