

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD)

RESOLUTION NO: 23-24-0010

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND
WORKS OF Sgt. Bryce Rutland, Cpl. Johnny McCreery,
Cpl. James Schaffer, Dep. Silvia Guzman, Paramedic Casey Harrell,
Paramedic Supervisor Shanda Cameron, Chief Joey Smith**

WHEREAS, Edgefield County Council wishes to recognize those persons who have provided distinguished service to Edgefield County; and

WHEREAS, On June 10, 2024 at 2:50 p.m. the Sheriff's Office, EMS and Merriwether Fire Department responded to Sylvan Road for an unknown medical call. Upon arrival, Dep. Guzman and Cpl. McCreery found the 911 caller who told them the patient was trapped under his lawn mower.

WHEREAS, When both Deputies located the patient, they observed a life-threatening laceration to his leg and immediately applied a tourniquet. Cpl. Schaffer was able to observe the blade of the mower impaling the patient's leg. He also observed that the leg was still bleeding and applied an additional tourniquet. Paramedic Harrell and Cameron arrived shortly after and immediately took over patient care.

WHEREAS, Merriwether Fire Department arrived and provided equipment that Deputies used to start extricating the patient. Sgt. Rutland began developing a plan for extrication and once all safety measures were taken, Cpl. McCreery used an extrication spreader to lift the rear of the mower. While lifting the mower, Cpl. Schaffer was able to remove the patient's leg from the impaled blade and extricate him from the mower.

WHEREAS, Paramedic's and Deputies loaded the patient onto the stretcher and into an ambulance where Paramedics Harrell and Cameron took measures to save the patient's leg while transporting him to the hospital. The quick response and action of all involved were credited by trauma surgeons for their interventions which prevented life-threatening blood loss and ultimately saving his life.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Edgefield County Council in session duly assembled this Second day of July, 2024, that they be honored for their dedication and tireless service to the citizens of Edgefield County.

Adopted this Second day of July 2024.

Edgefield County Council

Dean Campbell, Chairman

ATTEST

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