



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Media Release

Incident: Deputy To Receive Departmental Lifesaving Award
Location: Boone County Sheriff's Department, 2121 County Drive
Date & time: Tuesday, April 27, 2010 @ 10:00 a.m.
Case Number: 10-1469

Details:

Boone County Sheriff Dwayne Carey will present the department's Life Saving Award on 4/27/10 at 1000 hours to Deputy Joey Lahman for action he took to prevent members of a Sturgeon area family from drowning after their pickup truck slid off an icy Route V and overturned in a flooded farm field.

Deputy Lahman, 41, had just completed a call for service on 3/20/10 at about 1035 hours and was traveling on Route V when he noticed the overturned vehicle off the roadway near Silver Fork Creek. Deputy Lahman, a 16-year veteran of the sheriff's department, then waded into the near freezing water and assisted 17-year-old Mikayla McCarty from the 2000 Toyota Tundra pickup truck.

Deputy Lahman then removed Mikayla's 11-year-old brother, Eric, from the truck and with the assistance of Boone County Fire Protection District firefighters was able to free the children's father, Michael McCarty, 50, who was driving the pickup.

"Deputy Lahman placed others welfare above his own at significant risk and this resulted in the saving of three lives," Sheriff Carey said. "Deputy Lahman's selfless and heroic actions on that morning brought credit to himself and the Boone County Sheriff's Department."

Release date & time: 4/22/10 @ 1500 hours
Release authorized by: Det. Tom O'Sullivan

