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Mount Dora Officer to receive award at City Council Meeting for saving woman's life

MOUNT DORA, Fla. (April 2, 2018) – On Tuesday, April 3, 2017, Officer Andrew Rice will receive a proclamation from Mayor Nick Girone and an award from Cardiac Science for his life-saving efforts that stemmed from a car accident.

On Monday, December 25, 2017, Christmas Day, around 2:56 p.m. Officer Rice was dispatched to U.S. Highway 441 and Morningside Drive for an accident with injuries.

Upon arrival, Officer Rice discovered a single vehicle accident after a car hit a tree off the road. The driver, Dawn Dyer was in the driver's seat and non-responsive. Officer Rice checked on Ms. Dyer and discovered she was not breathing. With assistance, she was taken out of the car and another officer retrieved the portable AED device that all Mount Dora police vehicles are equipped with.

After two rounds of CPR and an AED shock, Dyer appeared to start breathing on her own again. Dyer was airlifted to Orlando Regional Medical Center where she made a full recovery. Officers determined the cause of the crash was a result of her cardiac incident. Dyer has since returned home and will be at the ceremony for Officer Rice.

“I have worked with hundreds of Law Enforcement Agencies in the State of Florida and have deployed many thousands of our AEDs in their patrol cars, and have heard of well over 200 lives saved as a result. Seeing the video from Officer's Rice body cam doesn't get any more real than that and if that wasn't enough, to save this woman's life on Christmas Day, of all days, really wraps it with a big bow of thankfulness...wow...what a gift!” said Rob Williams, Senior Territory Manager, FL, for Cardiac Science – manufacturer of the AED.



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The AED machines are manufactured by Cardiac Science, who distributes their portable machines to law enforcement across Florida.

Media will be allowed to attend the City Council meeting and will have the opportunity to interview Officer Rice, Ms. Dyer and Rob Williams with Cardiac Science. We will make all parties available, outside of City Chambers, after the ceremony, as not to interrupt City Council business. We will all move to the conference room across the hall from City Chambers. Media, please be try to be quiet with equipment so our Council can continue the meeting uninterrupted.

What: Proclamation and Award for Officer Andrew Rice

Why: Life-Saving efforts using his department issued portable AED

When: Tuesday, April 3, 2018

Where: Mount Dora City Hall, 510 N Baker Street, 1st Floor City Council Chambers

Time: 6 p.m. – Council Meeting Starts

Please see the attached traffic accident report, 2 pictures of the accident scene, a picture of Officer Rice and the FTP video link that is body cam from Officer Rice using the AED.

Media, please RSVP to this event so we can make room for your equipment by calling or texting PIO Lisa McDonald at 352-459-3065 or email mcdonaldl@cityofmoundora.com . For information about the AED devices, please contact Rob Williams with Cardiac Science at 407-467-6016 or email rwilliams@cardiacscience.com.

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