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Deputy receives life saving award

(KMZA)--A Jackson County sheriff's deputy who helped rescue a man trapped beneath a vehicle last year has been honored for his act of heroism.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse, in a news release, said Deputy Chad Ballenger was awarded the Jackson County Sheriff's Office Life Saving Award for his efforts. The commendation and medal of valor was awarded Monday during the Jackson County Commission meeting.

Morse said was on patrol in southern Jackson County when the evening of July 20 when he responded to a medical call in the 13-thousand block of 134th Road.

Upon his arrival, Ballenger found Marvin Cummings trapped beneath his son's vehicle, which had fallen off its jack as he was changing its oil.

Morse said Ballenger was able to use his jack to raise the vehicle off of Cummings before emergency responders arrived on the scene.

Cummings survived the incident and credited Ballenger for saving his life.

"Deputy Ballenger is a true hero," Morse said, "and we are blessed to have him serving this great county."

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