

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board to present the Morris A. Miller Health Hero Award.

This award was established by Scott County in 2002 to honor people in the community who make a spontaneous reaction to an emergency while not thinking of their own safety during an unusual medical or lifesaving incident.

This award was named in honor of the late Morris A. Miller. Mr. Miller was highly respected in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) field as he had worked diligently for many years in the area of pre-hospital care in Scott County and throughout the Metro Area.

The individuals receiving these awards today were brought to the Scott County All Hazards Committee. The name and circumstance for receiving this award are as follows:

Morris A. Miller Health Hero Award Nominations For:

Citizen William Turgi
Deputy Jake Lannon
Deputy Ben Koestner
Sgt Bob Ryan

On August 1, 2018 at 3:45 p.m., Scott County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a personal injury accident involving an ATV in the area of Zinn Avenue and East 240th Street in Cedar Lake Township. Upon receiving information from Scott County dispatch that the victim's arm was "half gone", Sergeant Bob Ryan of the Scott County Sheriff's Office immediately understood the seriousness of the injuries and asked for the North Air helicopter to respond to the scene. This request enables the quickest response to the scene and subsequent transportation to a trauma center.

Once on scene, Sgt. Ryan observed two people on the roadway next to an overturned ATV. One of the individuals was identified as the driver and victim of the accident. Sgt. Ryan observed that the victim had severe injuries to his left arm and that there was tow straps placed as a tourniquet below and above his elbow. Sgt. Ryan learned that the other person present was William Turgi, who had come upon the accident scene and placed the tow straps on as a tourniquet to stop the severe bleeding. Sgt. Ryan asked Mr. Turgi to assist the victim to the ground while he retrieved his medical bag and specifically a tourniquet, which are carried in all Sheriff squad cars. When Sgt. Ryan returned, he placed a tourniquet above the victim's elbow and encouraged him to concentrate on his breathing and not his injuries.

Shortly after, Deputy Ben Koestner and Deputy Jake Lannon arrived and assisted in the care of the victim. While they performed an overall assessment of his injuries, they observed a deep laceration to his thigh, which was packed with gauze and wrapped by Deputy Koestner. Deputy Koestner also applied an additional tourniquet to the arm just below the armpit which stopped further bleeding. Deputy Lannon administered oxygen to the victim to help stabilize his breathing.

The actions by all three deputies highlighted the excellent team work that was accomplished to give the victim the best medical care that they could provide on scene, along with a citizen's initial actions of applying a tourniquet from the use of tow straps that he had. These actions helped control the loss of additional bleeding and prevent the victim from going into shock.