



Sheriff Keith McBrayer presents life-saving awards to Sheriff's Deputies Michael Corley (L) and Richard Gaouette (R) for their professionalism in responding to an AED call which resulted in saving a human life. Sheriff McBrayer stated; "Their quick response and precision like teamwork shaved minutes off the time to provide lifesaving aid to the victim in preparation for the arrival of the Henry County Paramedics. We acknowledge and appreciate their dedication to preserve human life and the care and support they provided to family members."

On Wednesday, July 20 at approximately 3:05 PM, a 911 Dispatcher sent out an AED call identifying that a 73 year old male was unconscious and unresponsive. Deputies Corley and Gaouette, who were working as a two man warrant team, were in close proximity to the McDonough address.

They arrived at the home of the victim at approximately 3:07 Deputy Corley retrieved his assigned AED while Deputy Gaouette went straight into the home identifying themselves as Deputy Sheriff's. The victim's wife called to them from the upstairs bedroom where they found the male unconscious and unresponsive. Deputy Gaouette immediately began chest compressions while Deputy Corley advised the radio dispatcher of the victim's vital signs and that they had begun CPR and the AED was attached and operating.

Deputy Gaouette continued chest compressions while Deputy Corley performed rescue breathing. After a few minutes they switched positions and continued CPR until they were released by the responding emergency medical professionals. After the victim was stabilized he was transported to Henry Piedmont hospital.

Deputies Corley and Gaouette remained with the victim's spouse to help her make calls to family members and then transported her to the hospital and stayed with her until the Doctor and hospital Chaplain could meet with her. When they returned to duty the victim was stabilized.

The AED used by the Deputies was one of the 120 AEDs purchased in January, 2014 by Sheriff McBrayer for the Sheriff's Office vehicles. They were purchased using seized drug funds. "We have had other AED deployments since we purchased them but none that were as critical as this call. We are thankful that our Deputies were close by, and as well trained as they are, to have made a difference."; added Sheriff McBrayer.