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BTB Awards Given to 3 Seminole Co. Deputies



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today presented Back the Blue Awards to three Seminole County Sheriff deputies who responded to the scene of a triple overdose. Lieutenant Dwayne Kvalheim, Deputy James Hennessey and Deputy Caitlin Henry responded to a call at a local gas station and approached two men and one woman who were unresponsive and turning blue. It quickly became apparent that the individuals were suffering from symptoms of a drug overdose. The deputies then instantly administered doses of Narcan to the individuals saving their lives. The overdoses ended up being the result of taking the lethal drug fentanyl.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “These individuals are so incredibly lucky to have three amazing deputies respond and quickly administer life-saving treatment. It is due to these deputies quick-thinking and expertise that these individuals survived. The opioid epidemic does not discriminate, and it is ravaging our country, including our great state. Florida loses 17 people a day alone to this demanding epidemic and we must fight back. Thank you, deputies, for your critical help in this fight.”

Attorney General Moody today visited the Seminole County Sheriff’s South Region Office in Altamonte Springs and presented the awards to the deputies. Attorney General Moody chairs the Statewide Task Force on Opioid Abuse and recently appointed three Floridians to the Task Force: Seminole County Sheriff Dennis Lemma, former-Representative Jim Boyd and CEO of DACCO Behavior Health Mary Lynn Ulrey. All three appointees also attended today’s presentation and thanked the recipients for their dedicated efforts.

Lieutenant Kvalheim has dedicated his service to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office since April 1995. Deputy Hennessy started with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office in February 2018 and previously worked with the Casselberry Police Department for eight years. Deputy Henry has served the Seminole County Sheriff's Office since September 2013 and started with the agency as a Child Protective Services investigator.

To view the footage of this response, click here.

To nominate a law enforcement officer, citizen or organization for a Back the Blue Award, please email Georgia.Pevy@MyFloridaLegal.com.

For more information about the Attorney General's Back the Blue Award, click here.

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Attorney General Ashley Moody's Back the Blue campaign highlights law enforcement officers, citizens and organizations taking extraordinary steps to forge positive relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Supporting law enforcement is a top priority for Attorney General Moody and the mission of Back the Blue is to commend Florida's brave law enforcement officers and Floridians who back them.