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TO : Captain Tim Lalor
THROUGH : Lt. M. Bonora
FROM : Sergeant A. Clark
RE : FMB Chamber Deputy of the Month Nomination (July 2021)

On July 11th, 2021 the Lee County Sheriff's Office received a call for service at 7785 Reflection Cove Dr, Fort Myers, FL in reference to an unconscious male in a vehicle under LCSO CFS 21-340566. Deputy Hargis of West District Patrol put himself enroute and advised over the radio that he was attempting to locate the individual.

Shortly after arriving on scene, Deputy Hargis notified dispatch that he had located the subject's vehicle, a 2008 Chrysler van, and that he was attempting to make contact. As Deputy Hargis attempted to make contact, he informed all responding units that the male was unconscious, not breathing and locked in the vehicle. Deputy also advised there was an unknown gas emanating from within the vehicle (Carbon Monoxide). Seeing this occurring and knowing that this incident would likely result in the unconscious males' death, Deputy Hargis notified dispatch that he would be attempting to break the window of the vehicle. After a few moments, Deputy Hargis radioed that he had successfully extracted the subject from the vehicle, carried him to a safe area, and was rendering lifesaving aid until EMS responded.

As a result of the combined efforts of Deputy Hargis and EMS when they arrived, the male subject was brought from unconscious to talking and breathing. I, Sgt Clark, arrived on scene and met with Deputy Hargis who disclosed that he had suffered a small cut to his right forearm while extracting the male and inhaled a small amount of the unknown gas/carbon monoxide mixture. Deputy Hargis received medical care from Medic #211, who was on scene at which time his cut was treated and he was evaluated for any signs of chemical inhalation. After this evaluation by EMS, Deputy Hargis was deemed medically clear and his cuts required no bandages or dressings.

At the conclusion of the event, Sgt. Clark spoke to several EMS and Hazmat technicians who were on scene and asked them about the male in the vehicle. It was learned that without Deputy Hargis's actions, the male in the vehicle would have been deceased in a matter of minutes and suffered greatly. All medical staff on scene informed Sgt. Clark that Deputy Hargis was the only reason the male survived.



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At this time, it is my honor to nominate Deputy Kyle Hargis (19-026) for the Fort Myers Beach Deputy of the Month program as he did, with disregard for his personal safety and wellbeing use prompt and alert action, which resulted in saving a life. Deputy Hargis is an excellent example of the superior body of work Deputies within West District perform on a daily basis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgt. Andrew Clark

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