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NCSO Lieutenant Receives Massachusetts Medal of Lifesaving for Actions to Save Victim of Motorcycle Accident

DEDHAM, MA – Norfolk County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Francis Reynolds was awarded the Massachusetts Medal of Lifesaving from the Massachusetts State Police recently for his assistance in saving the life of a man who was seriously injured during a motorcycle accident.

On Sunday, August 25th, 2019, Lt. Reynolds came upon the scene of a motorcycle accident on Rt. 95N in Canton, where he positioned his cruiser behind the scene and assisted two off-duty medically-trained bystanders who had also come to the scene: Christine Cimoch, a physician's assistant; and April Ko, a registered nurse. Lt. Reynolds reported the crash to 911 and assisted Ms. Cimoch and Ms. Ko in stabilizing the victim's cervical spine and keeping his airway open. Lt. Reynolds also secured the area for the landing of a medical helicopter, which was able to transport the victim to the hospital.

Norfolk County Sheriff Patrick McDermott praised the actions of Lt. Reynolds, as well as those of Ms. Cimoch and Ms. Ko. "What Lieutenant Reynolds, Ms. Cimoch, and Ms. Ko did on that day is nothing short of heroic. Because of their clear thinking, they were able to put their training to use to save a man's life while also keeping the scene safe for emergency personnel," he said. "The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office is privileged to have Lieutenant Reynolds in our ranks, and I also want to thank Ms. Cimoch and Ms. Ko for their brave actions."

For his swift, decisive actions, the Massachusetts State Police presented Lt. Reynolds with the Massachusetts Medal of Lifesaving and a commendation in Personnel Orders at an August 22nd ceremony at Massachusetts State Police General Headquarters in Framingham. Ms. Cimoch and Ms. Ko were also commended in Personnel Orders and awarded the Massachusetts State Police Lifesaving Award for their actions.

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