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ST. CHARLES PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPUTIES RECEIVED DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD AFTER BEING CREDITED WITH SAVING TWO LIVES

On August 22, 2024, Sheriff Greg Champagne held a ceremony to honor two deputies with the prestigious Distinguished Service Award. The awardees were recognized for their exceptional and heroic efforts in administering life-saving measures to two victims of a serious crash. The recipients' quick thinking and courageous actions played a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of those involved in the accident.

"On June 29, 2024, deputies responded to a hit-and-run crash with injuries on Airline Highway near Ormond Boulevard in Destrehan. Upon arrival, Deputies Mercier and Nash located two crash victims, both with severed limbs. Both crash victims were on a motorcycle when they were struck and thrown several feet. Deputy Mercier applied his tourniquet to the male driver's left leg, successfully stopping the bleeding. At the same time, Deputy Nash applied his tourniquet to the female passenger's left leg, successfully stopping the bleeding. EMS arrived and continued to render aid. Flight care was requested. Because of the deputies' life-saving actions, both victims were stabilized for flight care and flown to a Level I trauma center. Both victims survived the crash. EMS and Trauma Surgeons contributed that the two victims survived the crash because of the actions of Deputies Mercier and Nash".

Sheriff Champagne stated during the award and medal presentation, "I am very proud and honored to present Deputy Mercier and Deputy Nash with the St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office Distinguished Service Award."



Sheriff Champagne and Deputy Mercier



Sheriff Champagne and Deputy Nash