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Charleston County Sheriff's Deputy awarded Life-Saving Award

(Dorchester County, S.C.) On June 3, 2015, Dorchester County Sheriff's Office awarded Charleston County Deputy James Thomas with a Life-Saving Award during the Honor Guard luncheon at the Westcott Country Club.

On February 3, 2015, after receiving a 911 call, Dorchester County Sheriff's Office, along with Charleston County Sheriff's Office deputies and North Charleston Police Officers were dispatched to a call involving a victim who had been shot in Dorchester County. The victim drove to a local 24 Hour convenience store in Charleston County for assistance. One of the first officers to arrive on scene was Charleston County Sheriff Deputy James Thomas, who quickly assessed the victim's injuries and immediately began providing life-saving first aid. Deputy Thomas stayed with the victims until EMS arrived and transported the victim to an area hospital for medical treatment. Not only did Deputy Thomas provide medical treatment, he stayed with the victim, talking calmly to him, keeping the victim from going in to shock. Deputy Thomas' quick thinking and actions are credited with saving the life of the victim.

Deputy Thomas is an eight year veteran with Charleston County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Thomas is currently assigned to Patrol Division with a collateral duty as a Bomb Technician on the Charleston County Bomb Unit. Prior to joining the Charleston County Sheriff's Office, he served in the United States Marines.

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