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SAN CLEMENTE POLICE SERVICES DEPUTY PRESCOTT HONORED *Lifesaving Efforts Lauded at Annual Orange County Sheriff's Department Event*

April 24, 2014....The Medal of Lifesaving was awarded to San Clemente Police Services Deputy Jeremiah Prescott at the Orange County Sheriff's Department Medal of Valor Awards Luncheon in Irvine on April 17, 2014. Annually the Orange County Sheriff's Department honors its law enforcement officers, recognizing their outstanding accomplishments. Deputy Prescott was lauded for saving the life of a critically injured motorcyclist.

On the evening of August 9, 2013, Deputy Prescott, with his Special Enforcement Team partner, Deputy Richard Covington, were stopped in an alley near the intersection at El Camino Real and Via Escalones when Deputy Prescott heard what sounded like a traffic collision. Deputy Prescott rushed to the fallen rider as Deputy Covington took control of the traffic scene. Retired Los Angeles City Firefighter Gary Clark had witnessed the accident and was already at the victim's side assessing the man's condition. The victim was not breathing. Deputy Prescott checked for a radial pulse on the inside of the man's arm but also found no indications of life. Both men instantly went into rescue mode. Deputy Prescott performed chest compressions while retired firefighter Clark gave rescue breaths. After three cycles of CPR, the man miraculously began gasping for air. "Deputy Prescott's life-saving actions were truly extraordinary. Our community is safely guarded with the dedicated deputies we have serving our residents. Not only do they keep crime at bay, but as seen with Deputy Prescott's heroic actions, they also save lives", said Mayor Tim Brown.

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In a separate event, the Orange County Annual Spirit of Volunteerism Awards program, which was hosted by OneOC in Anaheim on April 9, 2014, included honoring two of San Clemente's Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) members. RSVP Volunteers Neal Barbanell and Doug Erway, volunteer with San Clemente Police Services and were recognized as outstanding community volunteers, receiving honors in the Human & Community category. Mr. Barbanell has been with the RSVP program for over 24 years. He has over 11,000 hours to his credit. He was the RSVP Coordinator from 1991 to 1996. He enjoys handling all of the photograph jobs at the station (non-crime). He also does photo assignments for the City. He photographs all City graduations, like the Leadership and Citizens Academy class. Now, because of his hard-of-hearing, he volunteers most of his time at the P.A.C.T house at the San Clemente Pier. He also continues to help with City activities that require crowd control.

Mr. Erway is celebrating 20 years as an RSVP volunteer with San Clemente Police Services and has also served as Coordinator of the program. He is a retired Marine Lt Col. after 26 years, serving in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He also spent 10 years as a Personnel Officer, Civil Service Commission Executive Officer for the County of San Bernardino and 5 years as an Employee Representative for the San Bernardino Employees Association. He has served as President of the Grand Terrace Chamber of Commerce as well as Planning Commissioner and City Council Member for the City of Grand Terrace. He has received the City's Volunteer of the Year Award in 2005 and was selected as San Clemente Citizen of the Year in 2006. He is a past President of the San Clemente Don's, an organization of business, professional and political individuals with a continuing interest in the community. He has enjoyed his service on the Lawrence Welk Villa Owners Association Board of Directors for the past 4 years.

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