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Sumter Deputies Recognized For Lifesaving Efforts

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Sheriff Farmer recognized two Sumter County deputies for their lifesaving efforts after responding to a traffic crash on Interstate 75. On November 9, 2011, Deputies Mathew Perry and James Smothers responded to a traffic crash on Interstate 75 near the 317 mile marker. When they arrived, the vehicle was fully engulfed in flames and the unresponsive driver still inside.

Deputies Perry and Smothers acted quickly, repelling the fire with fire extinguishers and assisted with extracting the driver from the vehicle. After extracting the driver from the vehicle, both deputies administered CPR until medical personnel arrived on scene.

Deputies Perry and Smothers are recognized for their efforts, in the face of adversity and danger, exhibiting unselfish characteristics while attempting to protect the life of another.



Pictured L-R; Deputy Smothers, Sheriff Farmer, and Deputy Perry with their awards.

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