



## Employee Recognition Lifesaving Award



### Lieutenant Steve Todd Receives the Lifesaving Award April 3, 2012

On Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at the Clay County Board Meeting Lieutenant Steve Todd received the Lifesaving Award for his actions as stated in the following nomination submitted by Chief Deputy Matt Siiro.

#### Nomination Letter



Lt. Steve Todd and Sheriff Bill Bergquist

I am honored to nominate Lieutenant Steve Todd for the **Lifesaving Award** as described in Article 30, Section 30.3, subdivision **Lifesaving Award**, of the Clay County Sheriff's Office policy manual.

On the morning of March 14, 2012, Lt. Steve Todd was conducting school patrol at the Glyndon Elementary when he overheard a medical assist being dispatched in the Prairie View Estates trailer court. The medical was reported as a male having seizures. The male was later identified as Glenn Irwin, an employee of Fuchs Sanitation. He was working and had collapsed while attempting to return to the sanitation truck.

Lt. Todd immediately responded, and was the first to arrive on scene. Lt. Todd quickly accessed Mr. Irwin and found him to be unresponsive with no pulse and gasping for breath. Lt. Todd applied an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to him and a shock was administered. Lt. Todd began CPR and was later assisted by Glyndon Police Chief Mike Cline. After performing CPR for a few minutes, the AED reanalyzed Mr. Irwin's heart and Lt. Todd observed that he had regained a pulse and was breathing on his own.

Mr. Irwin was air lifted to Sanford Health where he was treated for heart problems. He was later released from the hospital and is recovering at home.

Lt. Todd's actions on that morning are deserving of our Lifesaving Award.

In addition to the Lifesaving Award, Lt. Todd should also be recognized for his efforts in obtaining AED's for the Patrol Division. In March of 2010, Lt. Todd worked in conjunction with Holly Scott of Fargo/Cass Public Health to obtain AED's for the Patrol Division. It was Lt. Todd's goal to get an AED in every patrol vehicle. With a grant from the Dakota Medical Foundation and the help of Holly Scott, Lt. Todd was able to secure 7 AED's





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valued at \$16,800. Lt. Todd continues to strive to outfit the remaining 7 squads with AED's.

To date, the AED's have been deployed 5 times; twice delivering shocks and saving a life.

Lt. Todd's life saving actions and his continued drive to obtain life saving equipment for the Sheriff's Office is a testament to his leadership and dedication to the citizens of Clay County.