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Morristown Police Officer to be Recognized for Lifesaving Action

BURLINGTON – Morristown Police Officer Lance Lamb has been on the job for only a few years, but it is for his quick thinking and rapid response to an accident on his day off that he is being recognized with the Vermont Department of Health’s “Star of Life” award.

Officer Lamb was on his way home this past June 11, when he witnessed a serious motorcycle accident on Route 15 between Johnson and Hyde Park. The biker was unable to negotiate a turn, hit the guardrail and was thrown down a steep embankment. Officer Lamb worked his way 50 feet down the embankment, where he found the still conscious biker – whose leg had been severed – losing a lot of blood. Lamb tied on an improvised tourniquet to stem the bleeding and called for emergency responders, keeping the injured biker as comfortable and calm as possible until help arrived.

In recognition for his actions, which are credited for saving the motorcyclist’s life, Vermont Emergency Medical Services Director Dan Batsie will present Officer Lamb with the Star of Life award at noon on July 28, 2017 at the Morristown Police Department. Also in attendance will be the person whose life he helped save and the trauma surgeon who attended to the patient.

“His actions contributed to the survival of the patient, and it is a pleasure to recognize Officer Lamb’s quick thinking and actions above and beyond the call of duty,” said EMS Director Dan Batsie. “He truly represents the amazing work performed every day by Vermont’s EMS squads, first responders and public safety officers.”

Morristown Police Chief Richard Keith, who has led his agency since 1995, said he is happy to have someone of Lamb’s caliber in his department. “Lance is a humble guy,” Chief Keith said. “When we talked about the events, his response was simply ‘anyone would have done that.’ Just the same, we’re glad he wasn’t working that day.”

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