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**INFORMATION RELEASE**  
**DEPUTIES ACTIONS HONORED BY AMERICAN RED CROSS**      **08/29/13**

The American Red Cross recently named Solano County Sheriff Deputies Brian Bero and Jason Speakman as recipients of their 2013 Public Safety Hero Award. Deputies Bero and Speakman will be honored at an upcoming breakfast held by the local chapter of the American Red Cross on October 11, 2013 in Fairfield.

The Deputies were nominated for the award by Sergeant William Hornbrook, the supervisor of the Sheriff's Enforcement Team (SET), where both deputies are currently assigned.

On March 14, 2013 Deputy Bero and Speakman were working a surveillance detail in the City of Fairfield. While working the detail Bero and Speakman noticed a pick-up truck swerving and hitting the curb on each side of the street as it drove northbound on Orchid Street. As the pick-up truck approached Bero and Speakman the deputies noticed the driver was slouched over the steering wheel and appeared to be passed out behind the wheel. Bero and Speakman then realized that the sidewalk and a cross walk in the area were beginning to fill with school children who had just been let out of school.

Bero and Speakman knew the truck needed to be stopped immediately before it either ran over a pedestrian or struck any parked vehicles. Deputy Speakman drove their Sheriff's Office patrol vehicle next to the pick-up at approximately 10 miles per hour as Deputy Bero yelled verbal commands at the driver in an attempt to wake him. The driver was non responsive and appeared to be unconscious behind the wheel. As the truck swerved toward the sidewalk where children were standing, Bero jumped out of the still moving patrol vehicle and ran next to the pick-up. While still running next to the truck, Bero reached in through the driver's side window and jammed the truck into park. The truck then came to an abrupt stop on the sidewalk before hitting any children or vehicles.

Bero immediately rendered aid to the unconscious driver as Speakman notified the Fairfield Police Department and requested medical aid. The driver of the truck was later arrested for driving under the influence by the Fairfield Police Department.

Deputy Speakman began his career with the Sheriff's Office in 2001 and Deputy Bero has worked for the Sheriff's Office since 2003.

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