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SIX GRANDVIEW PD OFFICERS TO BE AWARDED FOR HEROIC ACTIONS

45th ANNUAL MCSA AWARDS FOR VALOR

Six of Grandview's finest police officers will be honored **Friday, November 18** for their heroic actions while on duty. The Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Association will recognize the officers during their **2016 Awards for Valor Ceremony at the Argosy Casino at Noon.**

Officer Christopher Golubski will be awarded the Lifesaving Award. In April 2016, Officer Golubski had been pursuing a driver in an SUV when it suddenly swerved and rolled, throwing the driver into the air and onto the ground. When Officer Golubski found the

victim, he had no heartbeat and was struggling for air. Officer Golubski had to switch from law enforcer to life-saver in the blink of an eye. He delivered compressions and brought the man back to life. The driver has since made a full recovery. Making Officer Golubski's actions more dramatic-- the cruiser's dash camera recorded the entire event. It has since been shown on every metro news station, national and 24-hour news channels, and even on news stations around the world.

Five other Grandview Police Officers will be given the Silver Award for running into a burning building to warn people: Captain Ryan Sharp, Sergeant Martin Studdard, Sergeant Brandon Grantham, Officer Travis Richardson and Deputy Richard Kendall (now with Clay County Sheriff). In October of 2015, the five officers from Grandview Patrol units arrived first on the scene as flames shot out the second floor apartments of a downtown building. Officers ran in to search for, warn and evacuate residents from the burning building. The rapidly growing and intense flames kept officers from only one apartment. That's where one man died and the fire is believed to have started.

"For a department this size to have six officers honored for something great like this—it's a big honor," explained Grandview Police Chief Charles Iseman. Grandview Police Department Award for Valor honorees will be available for interviews before and after the ceremony. Please contact Valarie Poindexter for availability.