

## **State troopers' 'blood run' saves life of Hutchinson mother after dangerous birth**

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Blood runs are only requested by hospitals when there is an urgent need due to emergency situation.



Jenapher Blair had just given birth to her third child when the happy moment nearly turned deadly. She started hemorrhaging and her only chance to survive to see her baby daughter was to have a blood transfusion.

But there was one huge snag. The hospital didn't have enough blood on hand and the nearest supply was 80 miles away. Blair didn't have much time.

"It was touch and go," said Dr. Mary Bray, an obstetrician at Hutchinson Health Hospital, who was in the room for the July 21 delivery of a healthy baby girl, Adalyn.

Five state troopers jumped in to save the day by carrying out a "blood run." The first trooper relayed four units of O-negative blood from the American Red Cross in St. Paul to a nearby airport, then two others flew it by helicopter to the Hutchinson Municipal Airport and handed the blood off to two troopers on the ground who sped to the hospital. It all happened in just over an hour.

"We were on borrowed time while waiting for blood to arrive," said Brandon Thiemann, a nurse anesthetist who helped with the delivery. "If it had been two hours, the story would have been much sadder."

On Tuesday, a smiling Blair met the troopers responsible for saving her life. "If you were not here, who knows what would have happened," Blair said at a news conference as her husband, Stephan, and children, Caydence, 13, and Ayden, 7, stood behind her. "Because of you, my kids have their mom. Thank you."

Blair said she hopes one of her children will become a state trooper one day.

## St. Paul Police Chief Axtell & Other Cops Stop Robert St. Bridge Suicide Attempt

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St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell was on his way to work when he heard a call come across his radio about a woman who was considering jumping from the Robert Street Bridge, just a few blocks from where he was. Axtell decided to stop by and help the several officers who had already responded to the call, arriving to find Officer Frank Judge talking with a woman sitting on the edge of the bridge.

"Once you're a street cop, you are always a street cop," he said. "Regardless of the rank we hold. It was the right thing to do." Axtell was able to move in behind Judge and, along with his help, pull the woman to safety. For the next several minutes, both men held her in their arms to both restrain and comfort her. In fact, the chief says she reminded him of his own daughter, who is about the same age.

"Officer Judge and I held her close in a way that she wasn't able to get up and harm herself in any way, but also in a way to let her know we are there to help her," he said. "As I get closer to the end of my career to have an outcome like I saw today is personally and professionally rewarding for me."

# "You saved my life that night."

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**Trooper Keenan Jones; Jake Bosacker's mug shot from the night of his DWI; Jake, now sober, at his wedding earlier this year.**

In the summer of 2017, 21-year-old Jake Bosacker made a promise to himself: No more drinking. He would move home to Minnesota from his college in Texas. Take a semester off. Move back in with his parents and get a job. Sober up. And maybe, finally, follow that lifelong dream of becoming a sworn law enforcement officer.

But his first night back, there was Jake, at the bar with his buddies, and it didn't get any better from there. Until, early in the morning on Sept. 9, 2017, State Trooper Keenan Jones pulled him over for a DWI.

What happened next changed Jake's life forever and still sticks in Trooper Jones' memory. There was something "totally different" about Jake, he remembers. Jones often meets people on the road who don't learn their lesson. But Jake was "a breath of fresh air." He acknowledged that something needed to change and didn't blame Jones for his situation.

But Jake was convinced this was the end of his law enforcement dream. He completely broke down in the back of Jones' squad car. "I remember feeling like all hope was lost," says Jake. "What's the point of living if I can't do what I feel I was called to do?"

Jones could have reacted in many different ways. He could have lectured Jake. He could have ignored his tears. Instead, says Jake – speaking to Jones for the first time since that awful night – "You comforted me, telling me my life was not over, my career was not over."

Jones stands by his words, even four years later: "Speaking to you in my squad car, it was a pretty emotional time, but there's never an end to a dream that you have. I felt that you were a good person with a good heart." He believes that if Jake chooses a career in law enforcement, this experience will be an asset. "You've been on the other side. You know what it looks like. You just gotta work hard and fight to get back in there. You have experience way beyond me who's arrested hundreds of drunks — you've been through that entire process."

Watching the two men talk, it's obvious they're both heartened by this conversation. Troopers don't often get to learn what happens after their contact with people, but that doesn't stop them from wondering. "He's the one who wanted to be a cop. I wonder how that's going," thought

Jones when he learned Jake wanted to get in touch. “And now four years later you reaching out to me to express gratitude – that's never happened to me in my career. I don't think you understand how much I appreciate it.”

The last four years have been a long, eventful road for Jake, filled with outpatient and inpatient recovery, finishing his college degree, marrying the woman he loves, and most importantly, sobriety – “with help from God,” Jake adds. But he still sees Jones as the Minnesota State Trooper who gave him both the reality check and the encouragement he needed to turn his life around. The dream he pursues has become a bit more focused: He wants to work with Jones in the Minnesota State Patrol. Thanking him was a no-brainer.

## She Saved My Life': Cops Arrests Woman For DUI. What Happened Next Transformed Both Their Lives Faithwire.com - KARE TV February 15, 2022



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It’s an improbable friendship: a distraught woman detained for a DWI and her arresting officer.

But the details of the touching story, which has stretched over a decade, prove that difficult moments have a way of changing and refining people’s lives — and that change, no matter how far we’ve fallen, is possible.

10 years ago, when Minnesota Trooper Kristie Sue Hathaway noticed a car swerving she knew precisely what was unfolding. She pulled the car over to discover a glassy-eyed woman named Amy Martin, who had an open bottle of vodka in the vehicle and her baby girl in the backseat.

Hathaway arrested Martin, but what happened next started both women on a life-changing journey. Before booking Martin, Hathaway said, “Please don’t do this to your daughter. She needs a mom. I know because my mom left when I was 10.”

The cop’s words seemed to touch Martin, who pledged to return a year later sober, but Hathaway assumed she’d never hear from Martin again. Fortunately, the officer was wrong. Martin not only got sober, but she returned a year later to surprise Hathaway with a medallion showing she had been without alcohol for a year. Then, the two struck up a friendship.

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The two attended one another's weddings. And Martin still brings Hathaway her annual medallion each year, and the two swap the new one with the medal from the previous year.

The gesture means so much to Hathaway that she carries the medallion in her shirt pocket every day.

Hathaway told KARE-TV the friendship has changed her life.

"It changed my life, for sure," she said. "It's been a really tough couple years in our field. There have been times when you kind of wonder like, 'Why am I in this job?' It reminds me of why. It gives me hope."

## Dog rescued from freezing water after falling through ice on pond in Lake Elmo, Reunited with Owner

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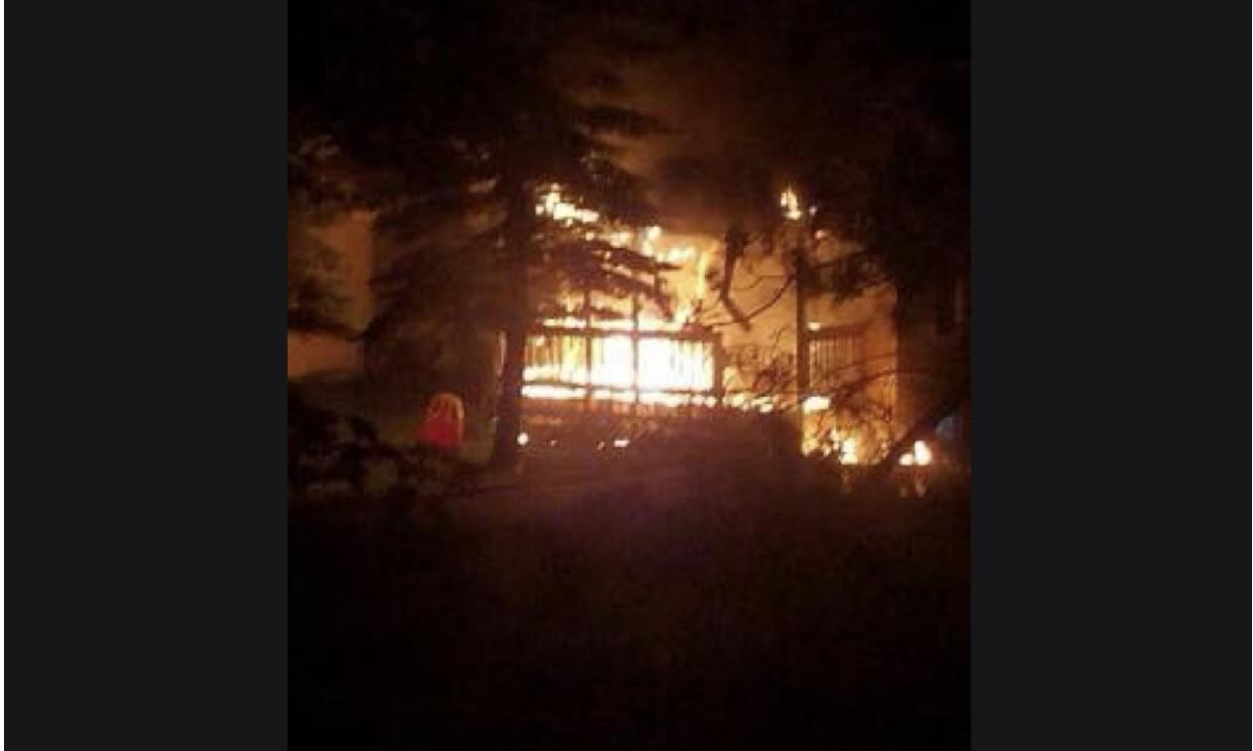
Lake Elmo firefighters and members of the Washington County Sheriff's Office are being applauded for their efforts to rescue a dog that fell through thin ice.

Details are limited, but the City of Lake Elmo says the rescue took place Sunday morning when the dog fell through the ice on a pond off of 38th Street in the east metro city.

"The dog was largely unharmed and reunited with its owner after the rescue," the City of Lake Elmo said in a Facebook post.

## Police: Duluth Officer's quick thinking saves couple from house blaze

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Quick thinking from a Duluth police officer helped rescue two people from a fire early Friday.

According to the Duluth Police Department, Officer Cole Barkos responded to a report of a house fire just after midnight on Friday, arriving at the scene to find a man and woman had made their way from a second floor window to the roof line of the back of the house.

With flames spreading quickly, DPD says Barkos took a ladder from the house's garage and helped the two residents down on what was Barkos' first night shift with the department.

"Officer Barkos thought outside the box. He was running towards that danger to make sure that the people were okay," said Lieutenant Ryan Morris in a statement.

"To look for a ladder and some way to get them off the roof, it was great thinking on his part. I was very proud of his actions." According to KBJR, the two residents were taken to a local hospital via ambulance for treatment.



## **How a Minnesota cop saved a homeless family from freezing**

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The Coon Rapids PD is praising the officer's heroic act.

Most Facebook updates from the Coon Rapids Police Department are of the "public service announcement" variety, and only of interest to locals.

But one the department made on Monday is going viral, with six thousand likes, more than 1,300 shares, and hundreds of comments so far.

It tells the story of an unnamed officer who, on the night of Nov. 9, made a traffic stop, only to discover the car was carrying a down-on-their-luck family of five.

"They told the officer they were homeless and were planning to sleep in their car," the post reads. Problem was, "Temperatures that night were going to be around 10 degrees above zero."

The officer's attempt to find the family shelter through "normal channels" failed, so they got the family to a local motel and put them up for the night – and it was completely on the officer's own dime, the post says.

And for all that, the cop has no interest in publicity.

"The officer doesn't want to be named nor receive any recognition, but we, at the department, want to share this story publicly because these kinds of stories aren't always told," the Coon Rapids PD writes.

## Clara City recognizes officer for lifesaving response

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Many of our most famous sports heroes are known for their speed in the 40-yard dash. Some of our not-so-famous heroes have to be darn fast too. “In this case, less than 60 seconds,” said Clara City Police Chief Kimberly Wood.

That was the time as measured from the first crackle of the radio call from dispatch to the arrival of Officer Julian Ross at the residence where an infant was unable to breathe due to an obstructed airway.

It had to be fast as the child was turning blue for lack of oxygen as Officer Ross arrived.

“I immediately started life rescue of back blows,” said Ross while recalling how it all played out on that Friday evening, March 19, in Clara City where he was on patrol in his squad car.

The officer’s response was automatic, based entirely on training.

“In high-stress situations, they say you revert back to muscle memory,” Ross said. “I can say I’ve been training in that kind of life rescue for over a decade. (I was) reverting back to my training.”

He repeated a back blow process a couple of times, turning the child and seeing that color was returning to the child’s face. Soon, an ambulance arrived and whisked the infant and mother away to an emergency room.

A life saved, Ross returned to the squad car and not too much later, the radio crackled with another call from dispatch. This call was not a life and death matter, and Ross was back to performing his more routine duties.

## Eagan officers save life of unconscious man in vehicle water rescue

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Yesterday, officers pulled a man from a sinking car near Hwy 13 after it launched into a nearby pond. It all started around 1pm when a man suffered a medical emergency at the intersection of Hwy 13/Silver Bell.

The man's vehicle accelerated down the wrong side of Hwy 13 and down a hill into a 7ft deep holding pond. Officers happened to be in the area and were able to immediately respond when onlookers called 911. As officers arrived, the car was sinking quickly and they saw the driver was unconscious.



**From Eagan Police Department Facebook page: Water Rescue: September 7, 2021**

“Officers removed their duty belts and were able to swim out to the car and unbuckle the driver through an open window. Officers were able to free the man from the car just as it was about to be fully submerged.

They held the man above water as he regained consciousness and moved him to the shoreline. The man appeared to be confused and initially resisted officers' efforts to lift him to safety. Officers reassured the man and were eventually able to get him up the hill and into an ambulance.

The man was transported to the hospital in stable condition. This is the second vehicle water rescue this summer and despite the great risk to themselves, officers have courageously jumped in to save a person's life. A special thanks to Officers Justin Boughton, Sean Farnham (second rescue of the summer), and Joshua Sannes for their heroic efforts and undoubtedly saving of a life.”