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Paulding Deputy Awarded Life Saving Award

(Paulding County, GA) On April 16, 2016 Deputy James Ward, of the Silver Comet Trail Patrol Division, responded to a cardiac arrest call at mile marker 20.46 on the Silver Comet Trail. When Deputy Ward arrived on scene three cyclists were performing Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on the patient, Lawrence Scott Holben (W/M, 53 YOA), who was lying unconscious on the ground. Deputy Ward immediately got his Automated External Defibrillator (AED) from his patrol vehicle and attached the wire leads to the patient. The AED kept saying that Deputy Ward needed to connect the leads to the patient, even though they were in fact attached. Once he realized that the wire leads may be defective, he quickly attached the spare wire leads to the AED and to Mr. Holben. Once the spare wire leads were attached, Deputy Ward administered a shock and Mr. Holben regained consciousness and began breathing. EMS and other medical personnel later stated if it were not for the quick action of Deputy Ward, Lawrence Holben likely would have perished.

Sheriff Gary Gulledge stated, "If it were not for the quick thinking of the citizens along with Deputy Ward, Mr. Holben would not be with us today. We are very thankful to have AED's in many of our patrol vehicles in order to save lives". Deputy Ward was presented a certificate and Life Saving Award medal in a ceremony at the Sheriff's Office on June 2, 2016.