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Citrus College Campus Safety Officer Lauded for Heroism

Citrus College Campus Safety Officer Todd Dickson became a hero on August 5, 2014.

Dickson's afternoon shift began with the normal assignments and duties of his work routine. That all changed when he responded to a two-vehicle collision at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Citrus Avenue, near the west entrance of the Citrus College campus. Dickson was called to the scene of the accident where he observed smoke, flames and gasoline emitting from one of the vehicles.

Even more alarming, Dickson discovered a passenger in the vehicle who was trapped behind her airbag. Acting quickly, he removed her from the car before it became engulfed in flames.

As a result of his brave response to a frightening and dangerous traffic accident, Dickson saved a life—an action that has resulted in honors from both the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees and the Glendora Community Coordinating Council. "The Citrus College community is extremely proud and profoundly grateful to Officer Dickson for his selfless act of heroism," said Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D. "Officer Dickson's willingness to risk his own safety fully reflects his exemplary character and his concern for the safety of others."

At its August meeting, the Citrus College Board of Trustees presented Dickson with a certificate of recognition commending him for acting "quickly and selflessly to protect life and ensure public safety," actions that "upheld the mission, vision, and values of Citrus College."

Dickson, who is now in his fifth year as a Citrus College employee, regarded his actions with modesty and grace.

"I just did what I thought needed to be done," he recalled.

At the Glendora Community Coordinating Council's recent meeting, Citrus College Board President Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen introduced Dickson as the council's Humanitarian Service Award recipient for September 2014. He also received accolades, certificates, and plaques from an array of guests representing Glendora's service clubs and organizations.

During the meeting, which included Citrus College Trustee Barbara R. Dickerson; several Citrus College administrators and staff; and Dickson's proud mother; Dickson acknowledged his strong sense of family values as an impetus for his response. "I saw the young lady, and I thought of the possibility that she may never see her family again," he said.

As the Citrus College trustee representing Glendora, Dr. Rasmussen stated, "I was honored to introduce Officer Dickson as the Coordinating Council's newest Humanitarian Service Award recipient." She added, "He is a remarkable employee and a stellar citizen. Citrus College is fortunate to have him among the dedicated Campus Safety officers who diligently strive to ensure a safe learning and working environment."