

Dept. of Justice: Top cop's quick action saves lives

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Top Cop and Racine County Sheriff's Deputy Karen Hernandez, quick action after seeing a fleeing vehicle had run over two people in a parking lot. She rushed to help save the lives of the two people and applied a tourniquet to one of the victims, while directing a nearby citizen on how to apply a tourniquet to the other victim.

"Sheriff's Deputy Karen Hernandez quick response and leadership helped save the lives of two innocent civilians," said Attorney General Brad Schimel. "The men and women of law enforcement are lifesavers. Every day they encounter situations where their quick action saves lives."

"Deputy Hernandez's quick response and actions undoubtedly saved lives," said Racine County Sheriff Chris Schmaling. "She represents the highest standards of law enforcement and I couldn't be more proud of her."

Read about Deputy Hernandez's experience from WTMJ:

Sometimes a routine check of a license plate can turn into something a whole lot more serious. But there is nothing ever routine about the daily work of a law enforcement professional.

Racine Sheriff's Department Deputy Karen Hernandez was at an intersection in Racine when a vehicle next to her rapidly pulled away and fled into a... parking lot.

As the suspect drove through the parking lot, he ran over two people who had come out of the store after shopping, resulting in very serious injuries.

Deputy Hernandez immediately sprang into action, applying a tourniquet to one of the victims, as her face was sprayed with blood from the horrific injury, at the same

time directing a nearby civilian on how to make a second tourniquet for the other victim.

Her quick response is credited with saving the woman's life. She clearly understands her role in the safety of the community, but this event was more than just doing a job. "I looked over to my left and saw the victims lying on the ground, it was horrific, and I couldn't believe my eyes," Hernandez said.

May 14 - 19, 2018 is National Police Week, dedicated to recognizing law enforcement's daily sacrifices, and remembering the brave men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice for their communities.

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