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County Commission honors EMT



Levy County Commissioner Matt Brooks (left) reads a statement to congratulate LCDPS Firefighter-EMT Hunter Kline (right) as County Commission Chairman John Meeks (center) listens. The audience gave Kline a standing ovation, too, in recognition of the EMT saving a life when he off duty.

Story and Photos

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BRONSON -- The Levy County Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday morning (June 6) honored Levy County Department of Public Safety Firefighter-EMT Hunter Kline with a certificate of appreciation for going above and beyond the call of duty.



Levy County Commissioner Matt Brooks (left) shakes hands with LCDPS Firefighter-EMT Hunter Kline as County Commission Chairman John Meeks and County Commissioner Lilly Rooks (background) are among the people who applaud the man who saved a life.

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As part of the honor bestowed upon the firefighter-EMT, the Levy County Board of County Commissioners pose with him. Seen here (from left) are County Commissioner Matt Brooks, Chairman John Meeks, LCDPS Firefighter-EMT Hunter Kline, Commissioner Lilly Rooks, Commissioner Rock Meeks and Commissioner Mike Joyner.

Levy County Commissioner Matt Brooks brought the matter to the attention of the County Commission.

Kline has been with the LCDPS since 2009, Commissioner Brooks said.

LCDPS Chief Mitch Harrell noted that Kline exemplifies the core values of all of the members of the department, Commissioner Brooks mentioned as he congratulated Kline on saving a life while he was off duty.

While at a local establishment and off duty, Kline noticed another patron there had become unresponsive.

“Hunter quickly recognized the severity of the situation,” Brooks said, “reacted quickly and performed CPR, achieving spontaneous return of circulation. It is reported that the patron is alive and doing well as a result of Hunter’s quick action.”

Brooks spoke about the first responders in Levy County.

“Our first responders have a really tough job,” Brooks said. “Even when they are off duty, they are caring about others’ lives, and quickly going into action, and exemplifying their training and really doing our county proud.”

The five County Commissioners – Chairman John Meeks, Commissioner Rock Meeks, Commissioner Brooks, Commissioner Lilly Rooks and Commissioner Mike Joyner – posed with Kline for a photo opportunity after Brooks presented the certificate.