



# Mayoral Recognition

In the early morning hours of August 24, 2014, a 45 year old male left a party he was attending on Rideout Street in Waterville, and started walking to his residence located in Winslow. While walking on Carter Memorial Drive the individual fell from the top of a 25' cement embankment retaining wall landing into the drainage ditch below. He suffered life threatening injuries and was not able to make his way back to the roadway. He was reported missing by his wife and when he was finally located and rescued he was taken to Maine General Hospital in Waterville and eventually taken by life-flight helicopter to Maine Medical Center in Portland.

On duty that morning was Sgt. Lincoln Ryder who heard the alert to locate the missing man. Although this was not a high priority call for service, and there was no indication that the missing man was in any personal danger, Sgt. Ryder immediately identified the possible routes he might use to get home. One of the obvious roads that may be used to travel to Winslow was Carter Memorial Drive. Sgt. Ryder drove to Carter Memorial Drive and started looking for the missing man. Sgt. Ryder did far more than just drive the road to locate the man, he actually stopped and looked over every embankment that may conceal a person that was down and injured. One of the spots he checked was a 25 foot cement embankment retaining wall on the east side of the road. While checking that area he located the man who had fallen from the cement retaining wall and lying in the ditch. Sgt. Ryder immediately called for medical personnel and then cut a path down a very steep embankment through the dense vegetation so that medical help could reach the victim. Had Sgt. Ryder not been so diligent in his search for the missing man, it is unlikely he would have been found in a timely manner and may have died from his injuries.

**In light of his exemplary actions,** I, Mayor Karen Heck, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Waterville, do hereby recognize:

**Sergeant Lincoln Ryder**

and take this opportunity to commend and thank him for making every effort to locate and save the life of this individual.

**In Witness Whereof,** I do hereby set my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2014.

Karen Heck, Mayor

