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"***NBPD RECOVERY COACH SPRINGS INTO ACTION DURING EMERGENCY***

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I would like to recognize and commend the actions of NBPD Recovery Coach, Haywood Barnes. While off-duty, Barnes happened upon a motor vehicle accident, and observed that the operator was suffering an overdose. Barnes immediately broke the window of the vehicle, placed it in park, and rendered aid.

Barnes remained on scene throughout the entirety of the incident. Police took over the matter. When a family member arrived on scene. Barnes provided his contact information to assist the victim and their family with outreach services.

Great work by Mr. Barnes!

-Sgt. Andy Simmons

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