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Sheriff Lou Vallario
Garfield County, Colorado

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: May 23, 2024

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Title: Alec Larson Receives a Citizen's Lifesaving Award from Sheriff Lou Vallario

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Alec Larson, Sheriff Lou Vallario and accident survivor Jess Tucker



Jess places medallion over Alec's head



Thankful Father looks on with accident survivor Ash
107 Eighth Street, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601



A proud wife and two daughters watch as Alec receives his award.
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On the morning of April 11, 2024 near the intersection of State Highway 82 and County Road 113 (Cattle Creek Intersection) around 9:00 AM there was a head on collision involving two vehicles.

One of the vehicles carried a Mom, Jess Tucker and her young child. Alec Larson was driving to work when he witnessed the accident. Alec was one of the first on the scene. His training as a volunteer Fireman and the natural adrenaline of witnessing such an accident kicked in. Larson grabbed a pair of scissors from his work truck and ran to the car containing Jess Tucker. He managed to pull her from the car and move Jess to safety. It was then that Jess screamed her baby was still in the car. Alec could see flames below the car, he immediately rushed back to the car and was able to get the young child out and back to his mother.

By now, the car was completely engulfed in flames. With Mom and child, a safe distance away and in the care of bystanders Alec returned to vehicle number two and assisted Deputy Vargas and Trooper Farmer with the removal of the man caught in the other car.

All three individuals survived, they are alive today because of the quick and selfless action of a citizen who rushed to aid, with little or no thought of his own safety.

On the evening of May 22, 2024 Sheriff Vallario was proud to recognize Alec Larson with the Citizen Lifesaving Award and present him with a certificate and a medallion. Sheriff Vallario notes that for Law Enforcement Officers, Firemen and other first responders such action is expected and part of their job. For a citizen to move selflessly and quickly, putting themselves in harm's way for someone they don't even know is worthy of a special recognition and of this Citizen's Hero Award.

No additional information will be released.

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