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ISPD, Clear Creek Sheriff's Office, and EMS Celebrate Saving Man's Life

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On February 24th, 2023, ISPD and Clear Creek Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation Center at 98th 12th Ave. in Idaho Springs on a report of a man who was unconscious, and CPR was in progress. An ISPD officer and two CCSO deputies arrived on the scene within minutes and the male party was unresponsive with no pulse. The officer and deputies performed life saving measures by performing CPR and deploying an AED machine (Automated External Defibrillator). The male party was transported by EMS to a metro area hospital where he has fully recovered from the incident. Clear Creek County EMS had recently provided training on the use of AED machines and issued AED machines to the majority of law enforcement officers in Clear Creek county.

The involved male party, Mr. Thomas Ripley, was at the Recreation Center with his wife, Kaye Ripley, when the medical event happened. On March 25th, 2023, Mr. and Mrs. Ripley attended a celebratory event with all of the first responders who were directly involved in assisting Mr. Ripley. Mrs. Kaye Ripley said, "I don't know what I would do without Tom. I am so appreciative of the quick actions of everyone involved in saving Tom's life."



Pictured left to right: Paul Macfarland (EMS), Deputy Ron Thornton (CCSO), Thomas Ripley, Officer Ronald Bailor (ISPD), Clark Church (EMS – Captain)

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