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Idaho Airman saves local's life

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Staff Sgt. David Jensen, ground radar technician with the 266th Range Squadron, realized why self-aid and buddy care is so necessary, and how the smallest bit of education can make a difference in life-or-death situations.

Early one August morning, Jensen and a few fellow airmen came across the scene of an accident. While driving down Highway 51, they saw a vehicle lying off the side of the road in the brush.

"We [were] just slowly passing by, just kind of checking it out and saw there was still a guy in the vehicle so we pulled over," Jensen said.

Jensen and his fellow airmen jumped into action. Jensen grabbed his first-aid kit and headed straight to the victim.

Although there were witnesses on the scene before them, little care had been given to the victim.

"One of the guys that was already there, wrapped a tear of blanket around the guy's head but he was still bleeding pretty heavily," Jensen said. Jensen continued to check for injuries

aside from his head wound, finding a deep cut on the man's left arm.

"[There was] a lot of blood everywhere so I was just trying to see where it was all coming from," he said.

Goodsell said his military self-aid and buddy care training definitely played a role in his decision to act on the situation at hand.

Emergency medical technicians later stated the airmen's heroic actions played a critical role in saving the victim's life. With their help, medical personnel were able to quickly remove the victim from the vehicle, identify and treat the wounds and airlift the victim to a hospital for further care.

Both men deny being heroes, saying they just did what was necessary.

"We saw what needed to done and then got it done," Goodsell said.



Staff Sgts. John Goodsell and David Jensen, ground radar technicians with the Idaho Air National Guard's 266th Range Squadron, pose for a photo, Dec. 1, 2015, at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. The men's teamwork played a critical role in saving the life of a car crash victim. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jessica H. Evans/RELEASED)

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