

LYON COUNTY SHERIFF



Brad Pope
Sheriff

TO: Sheriff Pope (via chain of command)
FROM: Lt. Bret D. Willey
SUBJ: LCSO Life Saving Awards (Supervisor Eric Engelman, Dispatcher Elizabeth Waid, Dispatch Trainee Kenzie Stretch)
DATE: 1/16/2025

Sir:

On 01/11/2025, at approximately 0632 hours, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Division received a 911 call from a male resident in Fernley, NV. The caller advised that his wife had just given birth to a baby and that the child was not breathing. LCSO Dispatcher Elizabeth Waid began giving instructions for CPR.

While CPR instructions were ongoing, Dispatch Trainee Kenzie Stretch immediately recognized the seriousness of the call, and began assisting Dispatcher Waid by making medical notifications, and dispatching LCSO Deputies, and North Lyon County Fire Protection District personnel to the scene, as well as coordinating all other radio traffic and calls for service which were coming into the Dispatch Center.

As units were arriving on scene, Dispatch was notified that a second child had been born, and that Deputies were performing CPR on the second child as well. At that time, Dispatch Supervisor Eric Engelman requested CareFlight for the first baby. As the notification came that the second baby had been born, Supervisor Engelman immediately called a second air medical unit, Battle Born Medevac, from Yerington. Due to the actions of all Dispatcher's involved, the air medical units arrived on scene within minutes of each other. Both babies were able to be safely transported the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Both babies are recovering, and are expected to survive.

Due to the combined efforts and teamwork of Supervisor Engelman, Dispatcher Waid, and Dispatch Trainee Stretch, two infant lives were saved that day. Their efforts are an example of the selfless, and dedicated service that exemplifies the mission of all Law Enforcement Dispatchers. I commend them for their actions, and I am requesting they be awarded the Lyon County Sheriff's Office Life Saving Award.

Respectfully:

Lt. Bret D. Willey
LCSO Dispatch Manager