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On Monday of this week, I returned home from taking my dog to the dog park. As I pulled into my driveway, my neighbor's wife called. Her husband had taken their dog for a walk along the golf course three hours ago. He was way overdue, and she asked me to look for him. I drove by the course parking lot and spotted his car in the corner. By now it was about 9PM and pitch black. I walked a hundred yards or so onto the course calling his name. And within a minute or two his dog came running towards me out of the darkness. As my neighbor was not within sight, I took this as a bad sign and immediately called 911. His dog leg me to a pond area with thick reeds. I kept calling for him, with no reply. A Rocklin officer showed up within minutes, followed by many more minutes later. After a quick discussion, we focused on the pond area, and when some stepped on reeds were noticed, an officer quickly stepped down and pushed through the reeds. A few moments later he called out that he had located my neighbor, and a handful of officers jumped into the reeds. I was not aware that an ambulance and fire truck had already been called, but they immediately rendered aid as they were already on-scene. My neighbor was transported via ambulance to a hospital within minutes. I had feared the worst. I called for help. I got help. All were professional and courteous. The outcome was the opposite of what I had feared. Hopefully my neighbor will be fine.

My point is, we all notice the officers when a vehicle is pulled over on the highway. We notice them on patrol in their cars. We rarely get to see them responding as I did. I would have liked the rest of Rocklin to see the police/fire/ambulance personnel through my eyes. They would have been impressed and proud to be a resident of Rocklin, and see our public servants stepping up as I saw them. For those that don't get the chance, or are too shaken to say "thanks for coming to my aid", please accept my thanks.

Sincerely,

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