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2015 Distinguished Law Enforcement Valor Award



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Cleveland Division of Police**

The officers of the 4th District station put their lives at risk to rescue a man in a wheelchair from a burning vehicle.

On the evening of June 1, 2014, the officers heard a crash and ran to see what had happened. Two vehicles had collided in the intersection of E. 93rd Street and Kinsman Road, next to the station. One of the vehicles, a minivan, struck a utility pole and smoke was coming from under the hood.

The officers found that the driver of the minivan was a quadriplegic. He was seated in a wheelchair secured in the vehicle. Officers got into the van and tried to free the wheelchair and remove the driver, but were overcome by smoke. Soon, the van began burning. As an officer ran back to the station to get a fire extinguisher, the others freed the driver and pulled him to safety. He was transported to the hospital, where he was treated and released.