

Heroic Actions by Caledonia Correctional Nurse Supervisor

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On the morning of, Aug. 9, a badly wrecked car was discovered in Halifax County by Caledonia Correctional Institution Nurse Supervisor LoriLou Jackson. While on her way home at 5 a.m., Jackson saw the car in the middle of the road with its hazard lights on.

According to Jackson, the car was completely totaled and covered with field debris. Because the car was so damaged and none of the doors would open, Jackson had to climb through the passenger window to give assistance to the driver.

“It’s a very rural area and was pitch black when I found him,” said Jackson. “As a nurse, when we get in situations like that, we don’t have time to think, we just assess and take action; that’s what we do!”

She said that when she spoke to the driver, he seemed to be disoriented and did not know where he was. He informed Jackson that he was a diabetic and must have fallen asleep behind the wheel.

“Even though he had just gotten into an accident and was a little disoriented, he kept a great attitude and had such a fun personality. He actually entertained me!” Jackson said. To ensure his safety, Jackson dialed 911 and assisted the driver until EMS arrived and transported him to the hospital.

Actions taken by Jackson prevented a life-threatening situation. Caledonia CI Superintendent Administrator James Vaughan and his staff have congratulated her for showing true dedication as a part of the medical staff.

“She might not think what she did was heroic, but to me, even though I wasn’t there, what she did was very heroic. I’m very proud of Nurse Supervisor Jackson. She does a great job and gets everything done according to policy and procedure,” said Vaughan.

Caledonia CI Assistant Superintendent Ricky Duke, Jackson’s supervisor, added, “I continue to be impressed with our medical staff; they are truly professionals at what they do. Nurse Supervisor Jackson is an excellent example of a hard worker, on and off the job, because she doesn’t mind rolling up her sleeves and getting in there to do what needs to be done. A lot of times, she does the work of an RN even though she’s the Nurse Superintendent.”

