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## **County Lifeguards awarded by Red Cross**

GLYNN COUNTY, Ga. - On June 6, 2015, Glynn County Lifeguards: Ms. Amanda Surman, Mr. Michael LaNeve, Mr. Michael Pendarvis, Mr. Cory Dixon, Ms. Cherish Orr, Ms. Alexia Doke, and Ms. Laura Ginn, all of whom are trained in American Red Cross Lifeguarding, helped to sustain the life of a man and saved the life of a woman who were swimming in the ocean. The lifeguards on the beach noticed people struggling in the water and responded immediately. Both victims were active when lifeguards reached them. While one victim was being assisted, the other lost consciousness. Lifeguards worked to keep the passive victim's head above water and bring him to shore. Other lifeguards assisted the conscious victim in returning to shore. Once on shore the lifeguards, with help from bystanders, lifted the man and carried him to stable, even ground to begin CPR. AED pads were applied to the victim and it advised to continue CPR. The lifeguards continued chest compressions and rescue breaths. Meanwhile, the beach supervisor was with the other victim, assessing her for injuries and monitoring her to reduce the risk of shock. EMS arrived and transported the gentleman to the medical facility for further care. Without a doubt, the skills learned in the American Red Cross Preparedness and Health and Safety Services course helped to sustain the life of this gentleman and save the life of this women.

For this act, these lifeguards have been awarded the American Red Cross Lifesaving Award. This is one of the highest awards given by the American Red Cross to an individual or team of individuals who saves or sustains a life by using skills and knowledge learned in American Red Cross Preparedness and Health and Safety Services course. The certification bears the signature of the President and CEO of the American Red Cross and the signature of the Chairman of the American Red Cross. The action taken by these Glynn County Lifeguards exemplifies the highest degree of concern of one human being can have for another who is in distress.

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