

SAFETY AND HEROISM



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Danyeal D. Emory is an unauthorized substance tax enforcement agent for the Department of Revenue. She is responsible for assessing and collecting unauthorized substances excise tax on illegal drugs and alcohol.

On November 9, 2021, Agent Emory noticed a truck had run off the road when driving home from work. She stopped and saw that the driver was unconscious. As a former vice-narcotics officer, she immediately recognized the driver was suffering from a drug overdose. Agent Emory called 911 and gave the driver two doses of Narcan that she had in her truck. After the ambulance arrived, Agent Emory stayed on the scene to console the driver's father who had just arrived on the scene. After asking a nearby homeowner for his security footage, Agent Emory realized that the driver had been unconscious for approximately four minutes before her arrival. Days after the crash, Agent Emory visited the driver and their family. She shared resources and rehabilitation facilities available to the driver to seek help.

Agent Emory saved a life, not for the recognition, but because it was the right thing to do. No one at the Department of Revenue was aware of Agent Emory's heroism until Secretary Penny received an email from the uncle of the driver expressing his gratitude and appreciation to Agent Emory for saving his niece's life. The letter spoke about Agent Emory's kindness, how she treated the driver with the utmost respect, and how she made a personal commitment to reach out to the family on her own time.



Nine days after Agent Emory saved her life, the driver checked herself into a rehabilitation facility. While others may have continued to drive home after work, Danyeal D. Emory chose to stop and offer her assistance. Her heroism, bravery and dedication to the safety of others make her an outstanding employee of the State of North Carolina.