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The Goodness of America

Traffic Stop Turns Into Something More

Within hours of pulling over a distraught elderly man for speeding, a Michigan police officer arrived at the man's house to help resolve what had made the man so upset.

Officer Kevin Coates of the Sterling Heights Police Department stopped the driver, identified only as David, 79, on September 30 for speeding. Dashcam footage of the encounter shows David stepping out of his car and crying.

"Everything's going wrong," David told Officer Coates in a shaky voice.

After explaining that his wife is "real sick" and his son is "mentally ill," David said, "I bought a new television today because I wanted to make my wife happy, you know, and I can't get it hooked up."

Realizing that the man was clearly having a bad day and needed a break, Officer Coates let him off with a warning, but not before asking David to elaborate on the troubles he was having setting up the television.

By the end of the traffic stop, the officer had said he would try to find time to help the man install his TV.

Just about an hour later, Officer Coates arrived at the man's house with two other officers, Remi Verougstraete and Jeremy Jaushevich, Fox News reported.

"They all came in. They moved my TV. They set it up and in a short time they were gone. You know? I said, 'Wow, what service.' I didn't expect this from the Sterling Heights Police Officers," David told Click on Detroit.

The officers even showed David how to navigate across the channels.

Lieutenant Mario Bastianelli was proud of the efforts by Coates and his fellow officers to go above and beyond their call of duty for someone in need.

"I think the world needs a little bit more acts of kindness like this. It was a great showing of a lot of [what] law enforcement does across the nation day-to-day that doesn't get publicized," Bastianelli told Fox News. "We're very proud of our officers for stepping outside the box and going above and beyond what they normally do to help our citizens."

Super Men to the Rescue

When an elderly woman's mobile scooter broke down outside during a storm on September 19, she was fortunate to meet four young men who thought nothing about assisting her in the pouring rain.

The kind act was witnessed by Katty Castro, a public-relations representative at the Florida Living Independent Community in Seminole County, Florida. Castro was drawn outside when she heard some raucous laughter in an otherwise quiet neighborhood and was pleasantly surprised to see a group of young men pushing the resident's scooter to her destination, and snapped several pictures.

"They were pushing her up the big slope toward her residence," Castro told Fox News. "These heroes were so focused on helping regardless of the inclement weather and they were even covering her with



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an umbrella, which showed more compassion on their part.”

“Those scooters are heavy, add the resident’s weight, her groceries and collapsing tires, the sum is a whole workout. But, I am proud of their sacrifice,” Castro added.

After the men dropped the lady off, Castro thanked the men “for their kindness” and learned the story behind their incredible actions.

They told Castro they had noticed the woman just before they turned onto an eight-lane highway after leaving work at Rebounderz Adventure Parks.

“We were tired, dirty and wanted to get back to the hotel; but, knew without a doubt that regardless of our long day, it certainly wasn’t worse than the day this lady was having. She literally had a plastic bag on her head to keep her hair dry,” John Morgan Massa, a corporate general manager at Rebounderz, told Fox News. “We knew we couldn’t leave her in the rain, in the middle of the road, frantically trying to get her scooter to work again.”

The men parked their vehicle and offered to push the woman in her scooter the remaining three-quarters of a mile to her home.

Castro took a group photo of Massa and his colleagues, which she later shared on the Nextdoor community network. The photo and story have gone viral, and the guys have been shocked by all the attention they’ve received.

“We just wanted her to get home safely,” Massa explained. “We never expected recognition, just helping a fellow member of our community.”

Firefighter Reads to Little Car-crash Survivor

Sometimes the smallest acts can have the biggest impacts, and such acts are even more incredible when they are committed by someone who has gone far beyond what is expected of him. A photo of a sweet moment between a firefighter and a frightened little girl, taken by a bystander, has gone viral exactly because of this.

The September 29 photo shows Billings, Montana, firefighter Ryan Benton, 26, reading a book to a young girl who had just survived a terrifying car crash. Though the vehicles involved in the accident suffered major damage, the passengers in the car were shaken but remarkably unharmed.

When Benton arrived on the scene of the accident and noticed one of the passengers was a young girl, he took a book and began reading to her to take her mind off the traumatic event while her parents waited for the tow trucks and spoke to the other first responders.

As it turns out, the Billings Fire Department comes prepared to any accident or fire with a book bag containing books and stuffed animals to help children cope in these scary situations.

“The idea was anytime we are on an emergency with a child (medical emergency, fire, car accident, etc.) we can have something to give to the parents/child and help them have something to take their mind off the event,” Billings Firefighters Media Coordinator Cameron Abell told Fox 11.

Abell said the department is proud of its people for being the “light on a cold scary night.”

For that little girl in the photo, Benton’s actions are not likely to be forgotten.



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