



City of Ketchum

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Ketchum Deputy Honored for Saving Lives *Rescued Two People from Vehicle Sinking into Pond*

KETCHUM, Idaho — Ketchum Police Deputy Garrett Ruckle today received the “Life Saving” award for rescuing two people trapped in a vehicle sinking into a pond earlier this year.

Emergency dispatchers received a call at 3:50 a.m. on March 22 that a vehicle was in the pond in front of the Sun Valley Lodge. Ruckle responded under Ketchum’s mutual aid agreement with the city of Sun Valley.

He waded into neck-deep water and tried to break the front windshield with his baton but was then unsuccessful. He then succeeded in breaking the side front window and extricated the passengers.

Police Chief Dave Kassner presented the award at Monday’s City Council meeting.

“I’m always quick to point out that the crew I currently work with at the Ketchum Division of the Blaine County Sheriff’s Office are the very best people I have ever worked with,” said Kassner. “Garrett’s quick response to the situation he was presented with that evening is a prime example of the integrity, courage and desire to serve that my entire staff possesses.”

Ruckle, a graduate of Boise State University, joined the police force in January 2015. He had previously worked in the Wood River Valley as a youth development assistant for the Boys and Girls Club of America.

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About the City of Ketchum

The city of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The city of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the city of Ketchum, visit www.ketchumidaho.org.

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