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Werner Enterprises associate to be honored for saving woman's life

OMAHA, Neb. –Zack Stephney, Werner Enterprises' Atlanta terminal foreman, will be honored on October 21 in a special ceremony for saving a stranded motorist, Melissa Brooks, from floodwaters on September 22. The special ceremony will feature lunch and a visit from Werner Enterprises' executives. It will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will be held at Werner Enterprises' terminal at 1444 Blair Bridge Road in Lithia Springs. The media is invited to attend.

“We are so proud of Zack and all of our associates for bravely jumping in and saving Ms. Brooks,” Della Sanders, Werner Enterprises vice president of safety operations and compliance said. “It is associates like Zack and the others who make this a great company.”

Stephney and nearly 30 other associates spotted Brooks' car being swept off Interstate 20. As the car drifted further into the water and began sinking, Stephney tied a rope to his waist and jumped in to save her. Stephney pulled the woman to safety and they are both doing fine.

Heroism is a trait that runs in Stephney's family. In 1979, Stephney's father jumped into the Chattahoochee River to save stranded canoeists. Sadly, the elder Stephney was killed, but his unselfish actions inspired his son on September 22 when he jumped in to save Brooks.

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