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MEDIA RELEASE

Sheriff's Deputies Save a Life in Fremont Township

On January 16, 2021, at approximately 2:45PM, Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a residence in the 28400 block of North Fremont Center Road, Fremont Township, for a report of a person shot. Sheriff's deputies arrived and found a 32-year-old man with a gunshot wound to the leg. The man was bleeding profusely and losing consciousness. Deputy Ryan Nirva and Deputy Ryan Eagar began immediate life-saving measures and applied a tourniquet to the man's leg, successfully stopping the bleeding.

The preliminary investigation shows the man was cleaning his firearm, which was loaded, and accidentally shot himself in the leg. The man was subsequently transported via ambulance to Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, where he rushed to emergency surgery. It was determined the discharged round struck the man's femur bone and likely ruptured his femoral artery. The man currently remains in serious, but stable condition.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg said, "Deputies Eagar and Nirva immediately jumped into gear and undoubtedly saved this man's life by applying a tourniquet to stop his bleeding. Not too many professions exist where 'another day on the job' involves saving a person's life, but my staff understand this is always their number one priority."

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