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LONG-TIME CITY STREET SWEEPER SAVES A LIFE ON THE JOB

SEGUIN, Texas –Juan Villerreal has been a Street Sweeper Operator with the City of Seguin for 23 years. However, it wasn't his experience behind the wheel of his truck that helped him save the life of another citizen.

Last August, Villerreal was driving his regular route when another car rear-ended him. He jumped out and discovered the man was bleeding heavily from an arm wound. To control the bleeding, Villerreal didn't hesitate to take off his shirt, wrapping it around the injury to create a tourniquet.

"I was in the service during Vietnam, I think it was the training I got back then that told me instinctually what to do," said Villerreal.

While they waited for emergency responders, Villerreal did his best to keep the man responsive.

"I always keep a frozen water bottle with me in the truck. I was able to keep him awake by placing it on his neck", said Villerreal.

The man was eventually airlifted to a San Antonio hospital due to the severity of his injuries. Responders on the scene believe the Street Sweeper's quick thinking and action saved his life.

When asked about spending more than two decades driving a Street Sweeper truck for the city, Villerreal genuinely smiled.

"I love my job because I help keep Seguin looking beautiful. I especially enjoy getting downtown ready for events like Earth Day in Central Park," said Villerreal.

His positive attitude and heroics are why Juan Villerreal is the April 2016 Employee of the Month.

Pictured left to right: City Manager Doug Faseler, Crew Leader Craig Reimer, EOM Juan Villerreal, Public Works Manager John Donnelly and City Engineer Joe Ramos