In the early morning hours of November 13, Michael Holmes came across an elderly, half-naked female wandering the streets of Granite Falls and Michael stopped to take care of her. He called 911, covered her with his own jacket, and had her wait in the shelter of his vehicle until Deputy T. Koziol arrived.

It turned out that the female was a dementia patient at the GenCare facility two blocks away. They had no idea she was gone and, due to her condition, the woman had no idea where she was or where she lived. She was only wearing thin socks, a thin shirt, and no pants, on a night that was 46 degrees, foggy and damp. GenCare staff said she is unable to get up if she falls down and has very poor eyesight. She would not have lasted long outside, especially if she veered off the sidewalk and into a bush.

For coming to the aid of a total stranger in distress and in need of help and for rendering aid that no doubt saved a woman’s life, this Life Saving Award is awarded to Michael Holmes.