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MEDIA ADVISORY: Air Support Unit Receives Award

Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims is proud to announce that the Sheriff's Air Support Unit (ASU) received the "Heroes in Healthcare" award from Business Street.

The award recognizes healthcare professionals and organizations that have made valuable contributions to the central valley, and work tirelessly to improve the quality of healthcare for us all.

Awards were given in 7 categories. The ASU received the award in the Emergency Response category in their assistance in several life threatening situations.

Based out of the Fresno Yosemite International Airport, the ASU was created in 1996 and engages in all facets of law enforcement. In 2007, the ASU was involved in 32 search and rescue operations in Fresno County. In addition, it handled over 4500 calls with several hundred assists to other agencies.

Members of the ASU accepted the award last night at the 3rd Annual Heroes in Healthcare dinner that took place at the Bankers Ballroom in downtown Fresno.