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Utah Guard Soldier Honored in Taylorsville for Rescuing Motorist

DRAPER, Utah— Private First Class Joshua Klein, a West Valley resident and member of the Utah National Guard's 115th Maintenance Company, will be honored by the city of Taylorsville this evening (Friday, March 12) at 6: 30 p.m. at a recognition dinner for rescuing a trapped motorist from a burning car in December.

Klein was driving through Taylorsville last Dec. 21 when he observed an SUV swerve and leave the roadway near 4700 South and 3800 West, striking a tree.

According to his written statement to the police, Klein was first on the scene and observed "smoke and small flames" coming from the SUV. Finding the doors locked and the driver unresponsive, Klein kicked in the passenger window, climbed in and unlocked the driver's door and unfastened his seatbelt.

Klein then climbed back out the passenger window, rushed around to the driver's door, opened it and pulled the driver to safety. He then performed first aid, and the driver regained consciousness as emergency crews arrived.

Media Notes: The recognition dinner and program will be held in the Oak Room of the College Center, Salt Lake Community College, 4600 S. Redwood Road in Taylorsville.