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### DCS celebrates life-saving efforts by Hartford City police officers

**INDIANAPOLIS (Sept. 5, 2025)** – Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) Director Adam Krupp and Blackford County Local Office Director Ryan Jacobs recognized Hartford City Police Sergeant Tyler Capper, Captain Joel Allred, Lieutenant Lucas Phillips and Patrolman Cory Shepherd for their valiant efforts in locating an endangered juvenile.

"Community collaboration is the key to child welfare, and in this case, which is just the latest example of how Hartford City law enforcement and DCS work together, a child's life was saved," said Director Krupp. "All involved are community heroes and Indiana celebrates them for their bravery."

Director Krupp presented Sergeant Capper with a challenge coin for his outstanding work and commitment to protecting vulnerable children. Captain Allred, Lieutenant Phillips and Patrolman Shepherd were given certificates of honor for their vital role in ensuring a child's safety during a high-stress situation.

"I couldn't be more proud of our officers for their relentless effort to find and save a child in need. Their dedication and determination reflect exactly what it means to serve and protect," said Hartford City Police Chief Cody Crouse. "As Chief, my job is made easier because I am surrounded by people who not only make me look good, but who make this entire department shine. This was a true team effort, strengthened by the strong working relationships we share with our partner agencies. Today, together, we once again proved what can be accomplished when it matters most."

More than 30 people, including DCS staff, law enforcement officers and judges, met in the Blackford County courthouse to honor the officers who put their lives on the line. View pictures of the event [here](#).

"The collaboration between multiple agencies was key to keeping this child safe from harm," said Local Officer Director Jacobs. "Blackford County is blessed to have such a great working relationship with our LEA and other key departments to keep children safe in our community. This was a complete team effort, and I am proud to lead a team that continues to put the safety of children as our top priority."



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