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## **WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE LOSES ONE OF ITS OWN 13-Year Veteran known for helping others.**

**Detroit (October 15, 2009)** – Around 2:55 p.m. in Jail Division 2 of the Wayne County Sheriff's Office deputies rushed to the aid of Corporal Jammie B. Smith who collapsed just as Roll Call got underway. Ofc. James Smith and Ofc. Leonard Spencer immediately initiated CPR and were joined by Ofc. Leonard Skalba. Nurses on staff also used an AED nearby. Upon arrival, EMS technicians immediately began working to revive Cpl. Smith, and continued efforts while transporting him to Detroit Receiving Hospital where he was pronounced. Sheriff Benny N. Napoleon, who was by Mrs. Smith's side when she received the news, described the devastating loss.

"We've lost a dedicated professional, devoted husband and father," said Sheriff Napoleon. "He was known for continuously helping others to achieve their goals on the job. As we honor Cpl. Smith's memory we're also reaching out to the family to help them in their time of grief."

Cpl. Jammie Smith – born November 11, 1971 -- joined the Wayne County Sheriff's Office on October 15, 1996, where he served with distinction with an exemplary record. Corporal Smith, who had wonderful rapport with his co-workers, completed his 13th year of service with the Sheriff's Office today, elevating him to the rank of Police Corporal.

Cpl. Smith graduated from the Police Academy on October 2, 2002. He was also very active with the Wayne County Deputy Sheriff's Association/Police Officer Association of Michigan Union serving as an alternate Union Representative. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, and two sons Jamey and Jaramey. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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