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Two local officers receive federal medal for lifesaving efforts

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ONALASKA, Wisconsin (WXOW) - A La Crosse County Deputy Sheriff and Onalaska Police officer are receiving a federal award for their actions during an domestic incident in West Salem in March, 2010.

Senator Herb Kohl will present the US Justice Department's Congressional Badge of Bravery to Officer James Page and Deputy Sheriff Daniel Baudek at a ceremony at Onalaska City Hall Wednesday afternoon.

In 2010, both officers responded to a domestic violence incident in West Salem. There they found Keith Marchbanks, who was separated from his wife, had attacked her, then set part of the home on fire.

Marchbanks confronted the officers with a butcher knife then was shot by Page for refusing his commands to stop. The officers then safely got the two daughters of Marchbanks out of the burning home.

Marchbanks, who recovered from his wounds, is now in prison for this crimes.