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## **“Police Assist Drowning Victim”**

On August 22, 2013, at approximately 1:37 pm, City of Coalinga Police and Fire personnel responded to the 400 block of Washington Street on a report of a drowning victim.

Coalinga Police Officer Justin Gaskins arrived at the scene first and located a 52 year old Coalinga resident who had been pulled from a backyard pool by her husband. The woman was not breathing and did not have a pulse. Officer Gaskins began CPR on the woman and after a few moments Fire department personnel arrived and assisted Officer Gaskins. Moments later her pulse returned and she began breathing and the woman was transported to Community Regional Medical Center via life flight.

This incident is currently under investigation and no foul play is suspected at this time. It is suspected that alcohol may have played a role in the near drowning.

The Coalinga Police Department would like to remind the public of the potential dangers when combining recreational activities such as swimming when combined with alcohol consumption.