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KANAWHA COUNTY DEPUTIES RESPOND TO FLOOD RESCUES AMID SEVERE STORMS

Kanawha County, WV – As heavy rainfall and unseasonal thunderstorms swept through the **Kanawha Valley**, rising floodwaters created dangerous conditions for residents, leading to numerous emergency calls to **Metro 911**. Kanawha County Sheriff's Deputies worked tirelessly throughout the night and into the following day, responding to calls for **flood rescues, stranded motorists, and trapped residents**.

We are incredibly proud of our deputies who bravely battle the elements daily to protect our community. Kanawha County is fortunate to have **dedicated first responders who work together seamlessly**, ensuring the safety of our residents.

One particularly **heroic rescue effort** involved **Deputy T.A. Casto**, who responded to **Lotus Drive in Sissonville**, where a family had become trapped inside their home due to rapidly rising floodwaters. As seen in the attached body camera footage, **Deputy Casto waded through deep, freezing water to carry a child to safety before returning to rescue the rest of the family**.

"The men and women of the Kanawha County Sheriff's Office are truly the best of the best. We should all be incredibly proud of their dedication and bravery as they serve our great communities every day!" – Sheriff Joe Crawford

We extend our gratitude to all first responders who assisted during this severe weather event. Their commitment and teamwork undoubtedly saved lives.



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