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On Dec. 2nd my wife and I passed a vehicle on Rt. 100 that seconds earlier had hit a deer. The car was disabled, and the driver was partially in shock.

My wife called 911 and, along with another passer-by, we stayed with the driver. There was little shoulder to the road so we were all exposed, and cars were flying by. The driver was distraught, and we didn't know exactly what to advise her to do other than contact her parents and insurance company

Officer Jason Gaddes (number 64690) arrived at the accident scene. He was fantastic! He immediately used his vehicle & lights to slow the traffic down, and made sure that the driver hadn't been hurt. His demeanor and training were exactly what we all needed. He was very calm and deliberate. His composure turned a terrified driver and an agitated situation into what he got us to understand was a very manageable problem, that he would see through. He examined the car and guided the driver through her options. He called a wrecker service, got information he needed and re-assured us he wouldn't leave til the wrecker came.

When the wrecker secured the car on the tow truck, officer Gaddes double checked to be sure everyone was ok, that the driver had a ride home, and that she understood what she needed to do about her situation. Only then did he leave.

This man was exceptionally professional. Because of his skill and kindness Officer Gaddes is the kind of policeman I want out there when my family or I find ourselves in trouble and need the best possible policeman showing up! Please commend officer Gaddes in behalf of us all.  
~~Thanks~~ for having him out there on the road!