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Good Samaritan from Idaho Renders Aid on Way to Business Meeting

Oakland, CA – It was Thursday, April 24, 2014, and Financial Planner Wayne Rancourt of Boise, Idaho, had just flown into Oakland for a business meeting. Rancourt was riding the shuttle to BART when he saw a vehicle near Hegenberger Avenue at the San Leandro off-ramp hit the median, overturn, and land on its roof. Rancourt asked the driver of the bus to let him off so he could help.

Rancourt, who was professionally dressed, took off his suit jacket, dress shirt and tie to help render first aid to the occupants of the vehicle. The driver, 95, was bleeding from a laceration to the head. His 75-year-old passenger appeared to be unhurt. Rancourt continued to assist until paramedics arrived. He then continued on his way.

When Sergeant Allan Steinberger called Rancourt to let him know that the occupants of the vehicle were in stable condition, he was at the local Men's Warehouse getting another dress shirt for the meeting he came to Oakland to attend. Rancourt was glad to hear that the people he had stopped to help were all right.

Kudos to Wayne Rancourt for his heroic actions and for simply demonstrating what community is all about.

Nixle Tip Watch allows ANONYMOUS tipsters to send OPD a tip three ways:

1. Text TIP OAKLANDPD to 888777 from your cell phone followed by your tip
2. Call our toll-free tip hotline at 855-TIPS-247 (855-847-7247)
3. Submit a tip by web form - see the option at the bottom of OPD's Nixle messages or visit <http://nixle.us/tip/oakland-police-department-ca/> to complete and send.

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Wayne Rancourt – picture by Sgt. Steinberger



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