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Cassie Foster (right) speaks about how Sgt. Brian Anderson (left) acted quickly to save her son's life during a ceremony at the Amherst County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday.

'A compassionate heart'

4 officers honored for their life-saving actions in three separate cases in past year

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A parent's worst nightmare came true for Madison Heights resident Cassie Foster in June when her 12-year-old son suffered a major arm injury that required immediate medical attention.

Sgt. Brian Anderson, of the Amherst County Sheriff's Office, was first on scene within minutes of the 911 call and immediately assisted her son while

remaining calm, focused and professional throughout a highly traumatic situation when every second mattered, Foster said.

"I am here to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation for Officer Anderson's extraordinary actions on June 7," Foster said Wednesday at a celebration event at the Amherst County Sheriff's Office. "His quick assessment of the severity of my son's injuries and his decisive action in applying a tourniquet to my son's arm ultimately saved his life."

The sheriff's office employees, family members and supporters gathered Wednesday to honor Anderson and three

other law enforcement officers — Matthew Minick, Hayden Shelbe and Chase Lawhorne — for their lifesaving actions in three separate incidents within the past year.

Amherst County Sheriff Jimmy Ayers said it is truly a blessing and an honor to lead a team of men and women who put it all on the line to serve and protect their community.

"When we look at and listen to the news and talk about 'defund the police' and 'we don't need the police anymore, we don't need prisons anymore, we don't need this, we don't need that,'

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SENATE PANEL

Committee holds Fauci in contempt of Congress

US Sen. Paul to ask the DOJ to prosecute for refusing to answer COVID-19 questions

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Reuters

WASHINGTON — Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., said Thursday he will ask the Justice Department to prosecute Dr. Anthony Fauci for refusing to answer questions about the COVID-19 pandemic after a Senate committee voted to hold the former top infectious disease official in contempt of Congress.

The Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, which Paul chairs, approved a contempt resolution on a party-line vote with Republicans in favor and Democrats opposed. The resolution accuses Fauci of failing to obey a congressional subpoena.

The move followed a hearing last week where Fauci, who retired in 2022 as the head of the national infectious-disease agency and a presidential adviser, invoked his Fifth Amendment constitutional right against self-incrimination more than 100 times.

Paul sent the referral, a formal request to consider criminal charges, after the contempt finding. But the Kentucky senator, a longtime Fauci antagonist, bypassed a referral vote by the full Senate.



Fauci



Paul

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CAMPBELL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Faculty, staff convocation held

Employees challenged to model values, reach CCPS' mission for year

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Campbell County Public Schools faculty and staff members gathered to hear from James Madison University education professor John Almarode at the division's Employee

Convocation and Health & Wellness Fair on Thursday morning at Tree of Life Ministries.

Almarode — a bestselling author and recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia — offered teachers research-based methods for building credibility and a sense of belonging with colleagues and students.

Prior to Almarode's remarks, the Brookville High School

marching band welcomed CCPS faculty and staff into the building, playing the national anthem and BHS fight song to kick convocation off.

"You could feel the energy when you first walked in," said Yellow Branch Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Anna Robertson. "Especially when that one school tried to start the wave, and I was like, 'It's 8:30 in

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LYNCHBURG

City's airport wins \$5.26M federal grant for upgrades

Set to cover building the infrastructure for hangar development

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Lynchburg Regional Airport received a \$5.26 million federal grant to build the infrastructure

needed for new hangar development, the city said Thursday.

The funds were awarded through the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Infrastructure Grant Program. The program is funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which was signed into law

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