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ALAN'S LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Paul Coffey: You're the winner of this year's Chief Constable's Lifetime Achievement Award. Describe how that makes you feel.

Alan Marwood: Very surprised at first and then very proud. I was quite honoured to be nominated for it and certainly when I've read the nominations and I read the emails I've had from colleagues, some of the colleagues I've not seen or heard of for ages. It was quite humbling on Friday night to get a full email box with people congratulating me. Very pleased to get the award, it is I feel an achievement and I am proud to get it.

Paul Coffey: You've been personally responsible for saving the lives of a number of people including a two-year-old boy?

Alan Marwood: It's a case of the two roles intermix. We were out on patrol and a child choked and the mother ran across to the Police car. I suppose it was a bit of a lucky dice that I was there, I know how to manage airways and the paramedic training kicked in and I still receive until last year a card off the mother and the son who's now in the Armed Forces. I don't know where he is now but the family still keep in touch and thank me for what I did.

Paul Coffey: I guess it's things like that that help make it all worth it is it?

Alan Marwood: It does. On the bad days when I think what am I doing this for they are the rays of sunshine that just help.

Paul Coffey: Tell us about what happened to you which led to you being awarded the Queen's Gallantry Medal?

Alan Marwood: That was a long time ago that was in 1973. We went to arrest two guys who had committed an armed robbery in the city centre with shotguns. They actually committed the robbery less than a hundred metres from where we were standing. Rightly or wrongly, foolishly or bravely, I don't know which it was, we gave chase, chased them into the Sneinton area and I arrested one who was still in possession of a firearm after discharging the firearm at me. Looking back at it now I might have shouted up for help. We did shout up for help but obviously we acted, not on impulse, we acted, when the bad guys are out the public run away we've got to run towards them.

Paul Coffey: I guess as someone who has done more than forty years you would recommend it?

Alan Marwood: Yes I've never looked back.