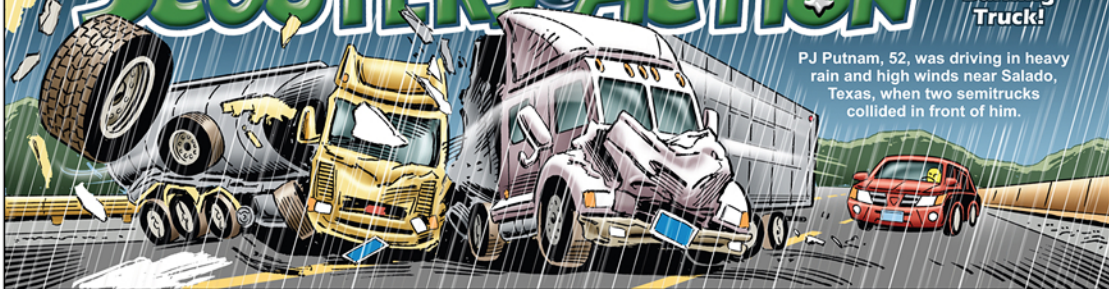


A TRUE STORY OF

SCOUTERS IN ACTION

**He Saved
The Driver
From The
Burning
Truck!**

PJ Putnam, 52, was driving in heavy rain and high winds near Salado, Texas, when two semitrucks collided in front of him.



One of the trucks jackknifed and skidded to a stop as the other slammed into the retaining wall and flipped on its side. Putnam slowed to avoid the vehicles, pulled over to a safe spot and ran to check on the drivers.

The driver of the first truck signaled to Putnam that he was OK. When Putnam reached the second truck, he saw that the driver was unconscious.

Putnam climbed on top of the overturned truck, opened the passenger-side door and entered the cab. The driver had suffered a serious head injury, and smoke was beginning to fill the vehicle.

As the driver regained consciousness, Putnam freed him from his seatbelt and lifted him out of the truck. A passerby helped Putnam carry the driver to safety.

Putnam treated the driver for shock and applied pressure to slow the bleeding. As more help arrived, Putnam checked on the other driver, who was shaken but not seriously injured.

PJ Putnam, assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 198, chartered to Messiah Lutheran Church in Plano, Texas, received an Honor Medal with Crossed Palms for his actions. It is Scouting's highest award for bravery.



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