

## Saved By the Belt

On September 26, 2017, Taylor Converse-Fleer was driving between Simms and Augusta, when she swerved to avoid a deer in the road. Her car skidded and rolled once. Taylor, who was wearing her seat belt, was able to crawl out a window of the car. She climbed up the embankment, and saw that the car was on fire. She approached a nearby house for help, and as she was speaking to the occupant, her car exploded.

Taylor survived with bruises, scrapes and a concussion. If she had not been wearing her seat belt, she most likely would have been thrown around inside the car or ejected from it, and probably would not have remained conscious to be able to escape before the car exploded.

On Tuesday, February 28, 2018, Taylor received the Saved By the Belt



award in recognition of her wise choice to buckle up.