



City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: February 20, 2024

From: Interim Police Chief Jim Holloway, Detective Lieutenant Jason Legleiter, EMS Director Jeri Wheatly & Interim Fire/EMS Chief Stuart Cassaboom

Item: Life Saving “Heart of Kindness” Award presented by Children’s Mercy

Purpose: Presentation of the Life Saving “Heart of Kindness” Award by Children’s Mercy, to Arkansas City Police Officers Lt. Corey Combs and Sgt. Detective Kelsey Horinek, Firefighter-EMT Isaac ‘Ike’ Hobbs, Firefighter-Paramedic Brandy Rice, Firefighter-EMT Patrick Rodke, Engineer-EMT Logon French, and Fire Marshall Chet Ranzau for their life saving efforts.

Background:
 On January 10th, 2024, Arkansas City EMS was dispatched to a local residence for an unresponsive 14-year-old. Officers were asked to assist EMS at this location. Sgt. Detective Horinek was the first officer on scene locating the male subject who was unresponsive lying in bed. Sgt. Detective Horinek checked and was not able to locate a pulse. She immediately began life saving efforts in the form of CPR. Lt. Combs arrived shortly after CPR was started and assisted with chest compressions.

Sgt. Detective Horinek and Lt. Combs continued with lifesaving efforts until our EMS team arrived. Firefighter-EMT Isaac ‘Ike’ Hobbs, Firefighter-Paramedic Brandy Rice, Firefighter-EMT Patick Rodke, Engineer-EMT Logon French, and Fire Marshall Chet Ranzau arrived on scene and continued with more advance efforts administered. A pulse was able to be obtained on the juvenile and he was transported to the SCKMC hospital as code red. Children’s Mercy Transport was then able to re-locate the young patient to Kansas City for further treatment, eventually moving to stable condition and remarkably, the patient was able to walk out of the hospital one week later.

Childrens Mercy would like to recognize the outstanding response and lifesaving care this patient received by presenting the Arkansas City Emergency Response Team with their “ Heart of Kindness” award. “This award is given annually to first responders who represent the best of our ranks in the care of a pediatric patient. We are so very proud to be able to extend our congratulations to your team as this year’s recipients”, Children’s Mercy of Kansas City Assistant Director of Critical Care Transport & EMS Relations Heather Scruton stated in correspondence with staff.

Commission Options:

Fiscal Impact:

Amount:

Fund: Department: Expense Code:

Included in budget Grant Bonds Other Not Budgeted

Approved for Agenda by:

Randy Frazer, City Manager