

City Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: April 18th, 2023

From: Eric Burr, Police Chief

Item: Recognize Johnna Haynes & Alice McKee for "Good Neighbor"

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Purpose: Recognize citizens Johnna Haynes and Alice McKee for the "Good Neighbor" award.

Background:

Johnna Haynes, a postal worker in Arkansas City, is being recognized for her care and concern toward a citizen on 2/27/2023. On that date, officers were dispatched to an address in Arkansas City after Johnna noticed mail had not been taken out of a mailbox for an extended period of time. This was out of the ordinary and she called her supervisor Alice McKee to report her concern for the resident. Alice then called Cowley County Emergency Communications about the concern. When the officers arrived, they learned that the elderly occupant had fallen and had been unable to move for at least one day. EMS was summoned and medical treatment was administered. The resident was unable to eat or drink during the period of time he was immobilized. It was the opinion of the EMS staff on scene that had Johnna and Alice not acted upon their concern for the resident that it would have resulted in the steady decline of the resident and possibly proved fatal. Johnna's ability to "see something and say something" and Alice taking the step to contact help, very well may have saved this citizen's life.

Approved for Agenda by:

Randy Frazer, City Manager