



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE:	July 20, 2026
MEETING TYPE:	Regular Council Meeting
SUBMITTED BY:	Chief Perry
AGENDA CAPTION:	[Life Saving Award Presentation] Presented by: [Steve Perry, Police Chief]

Background Information

On June 23, 2026, at approximately 5:45 p.m., the Hutchins Emergency Communications Center received a report from employees at the FedEx facility regarding two male juveniles, believed to be residents of a nearby youth facility, who had unlawfully entered the property by jumping a perimeter fence.

Upon arrival, Corporal Desirre Woullard located one of the juveniles on the opposite side of a body of water situated on the facility grounds. From her position, Corporal Woullard issued clear verbal commands directing the juvenile to remain where he was. The juvenile disregarded those commands and entered the water, ultimately submerging himself.

Recognizing the immediate danger to the juvenile's life, Corporal Woullard acted without hesitation. She quickly removed portions of her duty gear that could impede her ability to render aid and entered the water in an effort to reach the juvenile. Through her decisive actions, courage, and commitment to preserving life, Corporal Woullard successfully rescued the juvenile from the water, preventing what could have otherwise been a tragic loss of life.

Nearing the shoreline, Corporal Woullard was assisted by Dallas County Sheriff's Office deputies, FedEx Employees, and Facilitators from the youth village, who helped secure the juvenile and place him in a Hutchins Police Department vehicle while awaiting the arrival of emergency medical personnel. During this time, the juvenile disclosed to Corporal Woullard that he had intended to end his life by drowning. This young man, only 14 years old, has his entire future ahead of him. Because of Corporal Woullard's quick thinking, exceptional training, selfless courage, and unwavering dedication to her duty, he was given a second chance at life and the opportunity to receive the help he needed.

Corporal Woullard's actions reflect the highest standards of the Hutchins Police Department and exemplify the courage, professionalism, and compassion expected of a law enforcement officer. Her heroic efforts are deserving of the highest recognition and commendation.

Budget Implications

N/A

Operational Impact

N/A

Legal Review

N/A

Staff Recommendation

N/A

Supporting Documentation and Attachments

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