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SUBMITTED BY: Matthew Geelen, Chief of Police

ITEM TYPE: Employee Recognition

AGENDA SECTION: Presentations

SUBJECT: **Employee Recognition – Life Saving Award (Buddy Porter Jr.)**

DETAILS:

Mayor and Board, tonight we have the privilege of honoring a police officer who has demonstrated remarkable courage and dedication in saving a life. This officer's commitment to service, professionalism, and bravery embodies the finest ideals of law enforcement.

It's hard to imagine the pressure that police officers face each day. They put their lives on the line to protect our community, knowing that any situation could turn dangerous at any moment. But their resolve to serve and protect never wavers, and it is that unwavering commitment we celebrate tonight.

Recently, these officers found themselves in a high-pressure situation where every second counted. A domestic violence victim who had been stabbed and cut multiple times was facing a life-threatening condition, and this officer sprang into action without a second thought. Through quick thinking, sharp judgment, and determined action, they were able to render life-saving aid and pull the individual back from the brink.

We cannot overstate how important it is to have public servants like this police officer in our midst. They, indeed, are heroes among us. Their dedication to their work and their community is an inspiration, and we are so grateful for their service.

Please join me in congratulating and thanking Master Patrol Officer Buddy Porter Jr. for his bravery and actions that have saved a life. Thank you for your service and your commitment to keeping our community safe.