



MEMORANDUM

TO: Hon. Mayor and Board of Commissioners
THROUGH: Clint Belk, Acting City Manager
FROM: John Mortellite, Acting Fire Chief
DATE: November 12, 2025
RE: Recognition; Water Rescue Incident

Background

On Sunday, October 12, 2025, Marine 25 (M25) and Medic 25 (ME25) were immediately deployed by both water and land/beach access in response to a distress call involving multiple individuals in the water near Johns Pass.

Upon arrival, Marine 25 was directed to an area west of Johns Pass where they located two jet skis and three patients—two of whom were pediatric and in critical condition. M25 successfully rescued all three individuals from the water and transported them to Don's Dock for advanced life support (ALS) care. Patient care was then transferred to Sunstar paramedics, with trauma alerts initiated for both children.

ME25, alongside R24 and SB501, provided ALS assistance during transport to Bayfront Emergency Room—ME25 personnel accompanying the male child patient and R24 with SB501 riding in with the female patient.

MB200 also responded to assist with scene logistics, including vehicle relocation and coordinating personnel pick-up from the hospital to ensure timely return of units to service.

The families of the young patients expressed heartfelt gratitude for the quick, professional, and compassionate response of the on-duty crew. They submitted a written appreciation addressed to Mayor Brooks and the City Commission, emphasizing the difference the crew made during an unimaginable emergency.

Fiscal Impact N/A

Recommendation

To recognize and commend the outstanding actions of the Marine 25 and Medic 25 crews in



response to a recent water emergency west of Johns Pass, during which their swift, coordinated efforts directly contributed to the rescue and emergency care of three individuals, including two critically injured pediatric patients.

Marine 25

Lt. George Hill

DE Erick Ubiles

FF/PM Joey Calderaro

Medic 25

FF/PM Johana Whitfield

FF/PM Kavaris Service

