



Wylie City Council

AGENDA REPORT

Department: Fire
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Account Code: _____

Subject

Wylie Fire Rescue Life Save Award for acts by Wylie Fire Rescue on August 8, 2025.

Recommendation

Presentation.

Discussion

On August 8, 2025, Medic 143 (Paramedic Sean Costello and EMT Richard Hollien) and Quint 143 (Captain John Hunt, Driver/Engineer Patrick Hewitt, Firefighter Josh Ludeman, and Firefighter Brett Hoppe) were dispatched to a reported seizure. Shortly after arrival, the incident was upgraded to a cardiac arrest. Crews immediately initiated patient care and confirmed that CPR was in progress. Battalion 140 (Battalion Chief Matt Tripp and Firefighter Caleb Hawkes) arrived moments later to provide support and assist the patient's family during this difficult time. Within minutes, Captain Hunt reported the return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC), and the patient was identified as a candidate for ECMO (Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation). While enroute to Medical City Plano, Medic 143 provided the emergency department with a detailed patient update. Upon arrival, the crew was met by the ECMO team and the emergency physician for immediate assessment before being escorted directly to the Cath Lab. Shortly thereafter, the director of cardiology, ECMO services, and the clinical coordinator informed the patient's wife that the rapid and coordinated interventions by our crews had given him the best possible chance for survival. At the time of departure from MCP, the patient was stable and being transferred to the ICU. This incident involved a highly complex resuscitation—a true “megacode.” The crews of Medic 143 and Quint 143 worked seamlessly together to deliver exceptional, lifesaving care under intense conditions. The professionalism and efficiency of our Communications Center (Dispatchers Barbie Morrow, Karsen Knight, and Sara Zerger) were also instrumental to the successful outcome.

Total time from dispatch to arrival at MCP: 48 minutes.