

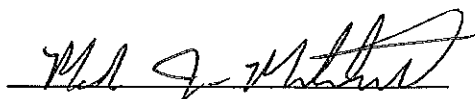
Memorandum

To: Glenn Cummins, City Manager
From: Mark J. Mitchell, Chief of Police
Ref: Life Saving Award
Date: February 9, 2015

On January 28, 2015, Corporal Joel Parker, K-9 Officer Ryan Campbell and Officer Matthew Godfrey responded to 6307 Greenwood Drive (Laurels of Greenwood Apartments) in reference to a person down call from an apparent drug overdose. Upon arrival, officers proceeded to a back bathroom where they observed a twenty-two (22) year old male, he was unresponsive and lying motionless on the floor. As officers rendered aid to the male, they immediately noticed his breathing was shallow and he appeared to be choking. They rolled him on his side to clear his airway and as they did, he stopped breathing.

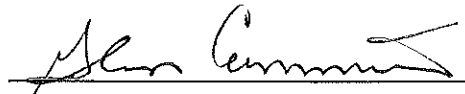
Officers then placed the individual on his back as Officer Godfrey began CPR. At this time, Canton Fire Department Lt. Wes Dixon, Fire Fighter Chad Wigington and Fire Fighter Dustin Long arrived on scene to take over aid to the male. Lt. Dixon advised officers to hold off administering Narcan and fire personnel immediately began preparing the downed person for an intravenous injection (IV). At that moment, Lt. Dixon took Officer Campbell's assigned Narcan medication and administered a dose to the male who within seconds began breathing, coughing and clinching his fist. These officers along with fire personnel assisted the person to his feet as he was then escorted outside the residence and transported to Northside Hospital – Cherokee for evaluation.

Corporal Joel Parker, Officer Ryan Campbell, Officer Matthew Godfrey, Lt. Wes Dixon, Fire Fighter Chad Wigington and Fire Fighter Dustin Long all worked together as a team to recognize and immediately treat the effects of a heroin overdose. Their efforts directly resulted in saving a human life. Because of their quick united action, I am requesting your approval to award these officers and fire fighters the Department's Life Saving Award at the City Council meeting on February 19, 2015. Your approval in this matter is greatly appreciated.


Mark J. Mitchell
Chief of Police

☒ Approved

☐ Disapproved


Glen Cummins
City Manager

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Lt. Jeff Tucker, Administrative / Uniform Patrol Division