

Memorandum


To: Glenn Cummins, City Manager
From: Mark J. Mitchell, Chief of Police
Ref: Life Saving Award
Date: March 23, 2015

On March 12, 2015, I received an e-mail with an attached letter signed by two (2) doctors from Interventional Cardiology at Northside-Cherokee Hospital in reference to the life-saving efforts of Officer Matthew Godfrey. Our follow up along with the attached letter supports the following summary of the incident:

On February 26, 2015, off duty Officer Matthew Godfrey was at his apartment residence, located at the Canton Mill Loft Apartments, when he was alerted that one (1) of his neighbors was down and not breathing. Officer Godfrey immediately initiated CPR on the sixty (60) year old male and called 911. Emergency Medical personnel responded and began treating the male who they advised had a heart attack. The victim was transported to Northside – Cherokee Hospital for further critical care.

The male regained a pulse and was rushed into surgery to receive a stent as he was found to have a one-hundred (100) percent blockage in an artery in his heart. The individual survived the heart attack and has made a full recovery with no neurological implications.

Officer Matthew Godfrey's quick action directly resulted in saving a human life. I am requesting your approval to award this officer the Department's Life Saving Award at the City Council meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2015. Your approval in this matter is greatly appreciated.


Mark J. Mitchell
Chief of Police

_____ Approved

_____ Disapproved

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glen Cummins', written over a horizontal line.

Glen Cummins
City Manager

attachment: 1) Doctor's commendation letter

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cc: Assistant Chief Stephen Merrifield, Police Administration
Lt. German Rivas, Special Operations Division
Lt. Jeff Tucker, Administrative / Uniform Patrol Division



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Mr. Mark Mitchell
Chief of Police
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Dear Chief Mitchell,

Please accept my compliments for the critical role Officer Matthew Godfrey played in resuscitating a 60 year old male who suffered a myocardial infarction and cardiac arrest on 02/26/2015. The patient collapsed in his home and was found pulseless and not breathing by Officer Godfrey, who initiated CPR and called 911. EMS personnel diagnosed the patient as having a heart attack and transported to Northside Cherokee Emergency Department.

After regaining a pulse, the patient was taken to Cath Lab and was found to have a 100% occluded artery. He had successful placement of a stent to the artery completed within thirty-five minutes of arrival to the ED. The patient was stabilized post MI in the CCU where he made a full recovery.

We would like to thank Officer Godfrey for his quick off-duty response to a person in need. As a result of his actions coupled with EMS response this patient survived cardiac arrest with neurologic function intact. As an Interventional Cardiologist at Heart and Vascular Care, I feel this case is an excellent example of how Basic Life Support training for public safety personnel saves lives.

Sincerely,

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