



MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Billy Peppers, City Manager
From: Mark J. Mitchell, Chief of Police
Date: May 18, 2016
Ref: Council Agenda Item

On April 26, 2016, just before 5:00 pm., Officer Jimmy Butler and Officer Patrick Duncan were dispatched to the report of a person down at the Crossfit Canton Gym located at 857 Hickory Flat Highway, Canton, Ga. Upon arrival, Officers learned that a forty-one (41) year old male by the name of Justin Marion had collapsed during a workout and CPR was in progress by the co-owner of the gym a Ms. Karen Camps. Officer Duncan responded into the business with his assigned Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) as Officer Butler took over and began performing CPR.

With that said, Officer Duncan quickly prepped the unresponsive male for AED deployment as Officer Butler maintained CPR and Ms. Camps continued to tell Mr. Marion to breathe and to "stay with us". Once the AED was read, Officer Duncan administered one (1) shock from the device which immediately verbally told Officers to continue CPR. Officer Butler performed CPR as the AED automated voice advised to push down harder during the procedure. It was at that moment that Ms. Camps stated, "That's right, breath Justin!" The male slowly began to breath and open his mouth. At that moment, Canton Fire Fighters arrived and took over treatment of Mr. Marion who was transported to Northside – Cherokee Hospital for further critical care.

I have been advised by our Operations Bureau Lt. John Lummus that his wife is a nurse at the hospital and was immediately assigned to Mr. Marion upon his arrival to the hospital. Lt. Lummus stated that his wife advised that the Doctor who cared for Mr. Marion advised that he has suffered a heart attack and was

found to have approximately ninety-six (96) percent blockage in an artery in his heart and Mr. Marion would not have survived if it weren't for the efforts of the gym owner, our Officers and the AED.

Furthermore, I have reviewed the actions of our Officers and Ms. Camps through the recordings of the Officers Body Cameras. I can tell you that both the citizen and our Officers were extremely calm, collected and worked as a team during this serious life or death situation. I have forwarded this incident to our agency's Commendation Review Board to evaluate the incident for the awarding of the department's Life Saving Award.

On Friday, May 6, 2016 at 4:00 pm., members of the review board met and all agreed the Life Saving award should be awarded to Officer Duncan and Officer Butler. Additionally, I am going to recommend that Ms. Karen Camps be awarded the Citizen's Life Saving Award for her efforts that day.

Lastly, I am requesting your approval to award these Officers the Department's Life Saving Award, the Citizen Life Saving Award and to recognize Mr. Justin Marion at the City Council meeting scheduled for **Thursday, June 2, 2016**. Upon your approval, I am going to direct Community Relations / Public Information Officer Pacer Cordry to contact both Ms. Camps and Mr. Marion to ensure their attendance to the Council Meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything further.



Mark J. Mitchell
Chief of Police