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Emergency Medical Services Appreciation Week El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Chambers Tuesday, May 3, 2016, 1100 hours

Agenda

Certificates of Commendation:

- a. Firefighter/paramedic Clint Vogan and Captain/paramedic Robert Sime from El Dorado County Fire for their exceptional service and dedication to training and enhancing the skills of the EMTs at the Red Hawk Casino.
- b. Firefighter/paramedic Kyle Nielson from El Dorado County Fire for his work and dedication as our agency's representative to the MAC and CQI Committees.
- c. Captain/Paramedic Jacob Poganski from El Dorado County Fire for his exceptional service and dedication to enable our first responders to operate and bring advanced life-support medical assistance to those patients suspected of being exposed to Ebola and other life-threatening disease pathogens.
- d. Captain Mike Sampson and Engineer Corinne Staves from Georgetown Fire Protection District are being commended for their ten (10) years of exceptional service and dedication promoting community offerings, scheduling classes, managing funds, maintaining manikins, and delivering countless CPR/AED classes for our internal and external customers. These important lifesaving programs have been essential for prompt EMS responses on the Divide. Capt. Sampson and Eng. Staves have managed American Heart Association Programs for both Garden Valley and Georgetown Fire for over ten years. Their commitment to teaching the 'Chain of Survival' to the public is deserving of special recognition and commendation.
- e. Communication Operator (CO) Leah Van Meter from CAL FIRE is being commended on the manner in which she handled a 911 call that involved a heart attack patient. The person calling 911 was understandably scared and

shaken as she advised that her husband had just collapsed to the floor and was not breathing. CO Van Meter responded in a very calm and reassuring manner which in turn calmed the reporting party. CO Van meter then gave clear and specific instructions to the reporting party on how to perform CPR and continued to coach her through the event until the firefighter/paramedics (FFP) arrived 11 minutes later. The arriving FFP's found the patient's pulse and breathing had returned because of the CPR that had been performed by the reporting party. The FFP's credited the reporting party and CO Van Meter for saving the patient's life.

- f. Communication Operators Diane Grove and Donna Atwood are being commended for the 30 plus years of dedicated, highly skilled and professional services they have provided the citizens and first responders of El Dorado County. We congratulate them on their retirement and wish them the very best for the future.
- g. Engineer/paramedic (E/P) Travis Parsons from Diamond Springs-El Dorado Fire Protection District is being commended for the exceptional skill and knowledge he has brought to the firefighter/paramedic profession in the position of Field Training Officer. E/P Parsons has taught numerous recruits and expanded our depth of highly trained field ready personnel.
- h. Engineer/paramedic Shawn Kellogg from Diamond Springs-El Dorado Fire Protection District is being commended for the excellent knowledge and leadership he has brought to several committees which include the Medical Advisory Committee, Paramedic Advisory Committee and the Continuous Quality Improvement Committee.
- i. Firefighter/paramedic Robyn Mekenzie from the El Dorado Hills Fire Department is being commended for the superior leadership, knowledge and experience she has brought to the JPA's Medical Supply Committee.

Life-Saving Event Overview:

In November, 2015, Hannah Fitterre was walking through the parking lot of Union Mine High School when she came upon a man lying on the ground. The man, Mr. Ken Scanavino was not breathing and he had no pulse. Ms. Fitterre immediately called for help and for another person to call 911. Ms. Fitterre began administering CPR and was shortly thereafter joined by Ms. Mary Garecht.

Ms. Fitterre and Ms. Garecht continued to administer CPR until the arrival of firefighter/paramedics. The medics provided advanced life-support treatment and shocks from their defibrillator monitor. They then transported Mr. Scanavino to Marshall Hospital where he received additional advanced cardiac care. We are

happy to report Mr. Scanavino survived his heart attack and is recovering very well.

I had an opportunity to speak with the attending firefighter/paramedics and all praised Ms. Fitterre and Ms. Garecht for the exceptional manner in which they sought assistance and administered CPR. They attribute Mr. Scanavino's life-save to Ms. Fitterre and Ms. Garecht.

We would also like to thank Mr. Scanavino for proactively talking about his experience publicly and encouraging others to take CPR and first aid training. We, along with Mr. Scanavino, want to applaud the fantastic courage and superior CPR skills they brought to saving Mr. Scanavino's life.

Life-Saving Event:

The driver of a car became stranded in swift moving water that had over run a road. Firefighter/paramedics responded to the 911 call and immediately began to work as a team to reach and extricate the driver from the car and the swift moving water. Engineer/paramedic Greg Schwegler donned a dry suit and entered the water. While making his way to the vehicle, the vehicle began to move down stream along with the swift moving water. E/P Schwegler was able to get the driver out of the vehicle but she could not stand. E/P Schwegler carried the woman and made his way to shore. We are commending the on-scene first responders who working in a team effort moved quickly and efficiently to save the driver's life. Those being commended include:

From the Rescue Fire Protection District:

Captain Guy Delaney
Firefighter Ryan Adams
Firefighter Justin Van Leuven

From the El Dorado Hills Fire Department:

Battalion Chief John Johnston

From Cameron Park – CAL Fire:

Captain Arend Tosti
Engineer/Paramedic Trevor Carter
Engineer/Paramedic Bryan Shuler

From the El Dorado County Fire Protection District:

Captain Andy Andreis

Firefighter Jamie Preston
Firefighter Anthony Serena
Firefighter Ty Dennis
Firefighter Brien Flanagan

E/P Schwegler placed himself in a very dangerous situation to extricate the driver from her vehicle and out of the swift moving water. An important note, at his own expense and time, E/P Schwegler had attended numerous swift water classes and purchased his own equipment to become a certified swift-water rescuer. We are awarding E/P Schwegler the Medal of Valor.