



CITY OF KIRKLAND

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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: J. Kevin Nalder, Director of Fire & Building Department
Date: December 10, 2014
Subject: Citizen Hero Award

RECOMMENDATION:

The City of Kirkland and the Fire Department present the Citizen Hero Award to Trooper Anna Gasser and Kris Hardie from Best Parking Lot Cleaning for their quick actions at an incident on the I-405 freeway.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

On Monday, October 27, 2014, at approximately 11:30 p.m. Trooper Anna Gasser was parked on the shoulder of southbound I-405 when a large object slid across the road and came to rest in front of her vehicle. She then noticed a person in lane two rolling toward her vehicle, attempting to get out of the lanes of traffic. The man had been involved in a motorcycle accident and it was his bike that had slid in front of her vehicle. As a result of the accident, his left leg was amputated from the knee down.

At the same time, Kris Hardie was operating a street sweeper in the northbound lanes of I-405 and witnessed the accident. He parked his vehicle and made his way across the southbound lanes on foot. He assisted Trooper Gasser in applying a tourniquet to the injured motorcyclist's leg.

The duo contacted 911 for emergency response and initiated life-saving measures to control the bleeding of the wounded man. Trooper Gasser and Kris Hardie's quick response and heroic actions contributed greatly to the injured man's survival until Kirkland Fire arrived on the scene.