



## **CITY OF KIRKLAND**

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### **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager  
**From:** Joe Sanford, Interim Fire Chief  
**Date:** April 15, 2016  
**Subject:** Citizen Hero Award

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The City of Kirkland and the Kirkland Fire Department present the Citizen Hero Award to the following citizens who took quick action to initiate lifesaving measures of CPR, automatic defibrillator and activate 9-1-1:

NAMES: Ryan Carter; Tyler Ptacek; Josh Pineda; Branson Corwin; Cole Hastie; Gary McIntosh

### **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

On the morning of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, Ryan Carter, Tyler Ptacek, Josh Pineda, Branson Corwin and Cole Hastie were all at Northwest University's Soccer field for an intermural soccer game. Mark Olsen, a 22 year old male was playing goalie in the game. He jumped up to tip a ball away and fell down directly on to his back. Mark then popped right up as if nothing was wrong. Less than a minute later, put his hand to his chest and told a nearby classmate that his chest was hurting him, and he fell to the ground, lifeless.

Without hesitation, Tyler Ptacek came to his aid and checked to make sure he had a clear airway. About the same time, Ryan Carter, who is CPR trained told someone to call 911 and another student to grab the AED in the sports building. Josh Pineda immediately ran to grab the AED and Cole Hastie called 911. Branson Corwin alerted soccer coach Gary McIntosh of the incident and also hurried to open the gate for the arrival of the aid crews. When the AED was at the side of the patient, Ryan quickly attached the pads and the machine indicated that there was a shockable heart rhythm. After the machine gave a shock Ryan began CPR. This is exactly the moment when Kirkland Fire Aid 22 arrived on scene.

Aid 22, Battalion 21, Bellevue Engine 5, Bellevue Medic 1 and Redmond MSO7 were dispatched to the scene. By the time Aid 22 reached the patient he had regained a pulse and was trying to breath on his own. He was then transported to Overlake Hospital.

Because of their actions, The City of Kirkland and the Kirkland Fire Department would like to acknowledge and recognize these community members for their actions in saving Mark Olsen's life with the Citizen Hero Award.