



CITY OF KIRKLAND

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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Joe Sanford, Acting Fire Chief
Date: June 17, 2015
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 remove swimmer Jody Lowe from a pool, start lifesaving measures of CPR, and activate 9-1-1:

Marianna Hanefeld, Dave Reeves, Christy Van-Gerwen, Jared Pennington, and Alanna Lai

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

On Monday, May 11, 2015 at approximately 6:30 a.m., Marianna Hanefeld was swimming laps at the LA Fitness Health Club in Kirkland. She noticed a female swimmer in the next lane floating on her back, unmoving and unresponsive. There was no lifeguard on duty, nor other pool occupants, so Marianna yelled for help.

Dave Reeves, Christy Van-Gerwen, Jared Pennington, and Alanna Lai heard Marianna's call for help and they converged on the pool area. Together, they removed Jody from the pool, started CPR, and activated 9-1-1.

Kirkland Aid 27, Ladder 27, Redmond Medic 23, Battalion 21, and Medical Services Officer 7 were dispatched to LA Fitness for an unconscious patient at the pool. A27 was first on scene and found good citizen CPR being performed. The emergency responders were able to resuscitate Jody on scene and transported her to Evergreen Hospital Medical Center's Emergency Department, where further lifesaving efforts were accomplished.

Therefore, the City of Kirkland and the Kirkland Fire Department acknowledge and recognize the efforts of these community members for their actions in saving Jody Lowe's life.