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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager

From: Chief J. Kevin Nalder, Fire & Building Department
Chief Eric Olsen, Kirkland Police Department

Date: August 18, 2011

Subject: Citizen Recognition: First Responder Assistance to Fire and Police
Departments in Water Rescue

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council recognize the efforts of the following Kirkland residents who assisted the Kirkland Fire Department and Kirkland Police Department on August 1, 2011 as first responders in a water rescue on Lake Washington:

- Uryah D. Messmer
- Kirsten Cordell
- Pete Robertson
- Cassandra Joyner

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

On August 1, 2011 at approximately 11:25, two males were on Lake Washington on standup paddle boards. Just south of David E. Brink Park, Mr. Messmer and Mr. Robertson observed from their condominium that one of the paddle boarders was off of his board, was in distress, and went under water.

Mr. Messmer and Mr. Robertson entered the water, found the boarder's body, placed the male on the paddle board, and began to administer CPR. Ms. Cordell and Ms. Joyner assisted with the rescue by helping to place the boarder on the paddle board so that CPR could be performed and helped Kirkland Fire Department and Kirkland Police Department bring the body to shore.

The patient was transferred to Evergreen Hospital where he later died. The Hospital identified him as Tyrone Fabroa, a Kirkland resident.

Acting on instincts, each of these citizens took quick action to enter the water, find Mr. Fabroa, and start to save his life. Their actions as first responders were heroic.

This water rescue involved many personnel from the Kirkland's Fire and Police Departments. Many will be present at the meeting to express their appreciation to these "Citizen Heroes."



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Citizen Hero Award

Presented To

Uryah D. Messmer

by the Kirkland City Council for your heroic act of assisting the
Kirkland Fire Department and Kirkland Police Department
on August 1, 2011 in a rescue on Lake Washington

Presented on September 6, 2011 by
Mayor Joan McBride on behalf of the Kirkland City Council

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Citizen Hero Award

Presented To

Kirsten Cordell

by the Kirkland City Council for your heroic act of assisting the
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on August 1, 2011 in a rescue on Lake Washington

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Mayor Joan McBride on behalf of the Kirkland City Council

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Citizen Hero Award

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Cassandra Joyner

by the Kirkland City Council for your heroic act of assisting the
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Citizen Hero Award

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Pete Robertson

by the Kirkland City Council for your heroic act of assisting the
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