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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Dave Ramsay, City Manager  
**From:** Jeff Blake, Director of Fire and Building Department  
**Date:** August 16, 2006  
**Subject:** Recognition of Citizen for Life Saving Rescue

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recognize Timothy Heaton for saving the life of a vulnerable neighbor.

### **BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

At approximately 11:00 p.m., on Saturday, July 22, 2006, Timothy Heaton was alerted by one of his neighbors that another neighbor's home was on fire. Believing a man with special needs to be the only one in the home at the time, Timothy ran next door and pounded on what he thought was the young man's bedroom window. When he got no answer, he ran to the front door and opened it. The smoke that poured out and the intensity of the heat inside, prevented Tim from entering, so he yelled to Michael repeatedly.

Earlier in the evening Michael, who was indeed, alone, saw fire on the back porch of the home he shares with his sister and her daughter. He closed the sliding door to keep it out and went to his bedroom. As smoke and heat filled the house, Michael stayed where he was, not realizing he needed to get out. When he heard Tim calling him from the front door, he realized he should leave, and he walked the 10-15 yards separating him from the entry. In several more minutes he would not have been able to make the escape.

Timothy's concern for his neighbor saved the other man's life. We honor him for his exemplary citizenship, not only valuing the lives of others but being willing to go out of his way to prevent them from harm. The effort he spent to get to know his neighbors, allowed him to intervene in the most critical of times. We are indebted to him for the gesture and recognize him as a Lifesaver.