

Background/Justification:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board to present the Morris A. Miller Health Hero Award.

This award was established by Scott County in 2002 to honor people in the community who make a spontaneous reaction to an emergency while not thinking of their own safety during an unusual medical or lifesaving incident.

This award was named in honor of the late Morris A. Miller. Mr. Miller was highly respected in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) field as he had worked diligently for many years in the area of pre-hospital care in Scott County and throughout the Metro Area.

Fiscal Impact: None

The individuals receiving these awards today were brought to the Scott County All Hazards Committee. The name and circumstance for receiving this award are as follows:

Morris A. Miller Health Hero Award Nomination

Officers' Matt Nardo and Scott Johnson are Police Officers and first responders with Prior Lake Police Department with 19 years of service respectively. Both have been recently trained on the resQPUMP system. Firefighter Tyler Fink is a First Responder since 2011 and has served the Prior Lake Fire Department since 2011.

On the morning of July 9th, 2017 a 911 emergency call was initiated for bicyclist found down along a roadside in Credit River Township. Prior Lake Police Officers Matt Nardo and Scott Johnson responded as mutual aid and found an unknown male in full cardiopulmonary arrest. Immediately falling back on their recent medical training in cardiac arrest management, they formed a resuscitation team and deployed both their automatic external defibrillator and the resQPUMP system. Aided by off duty first responder and firefighter, Tyler Fink, they rapidly defibrillated the patient while providing blood circulation and respirations with resQPUMP system. Due to their quick and deliberate actions, the patient had return of heartbeat, blood circulation, and breathing prior to Allina EMS Ambulance advanced life support arrival.

Due to their actions on July 9th 2017, a fellow community member and patient had a complete and full recovery after suffering a cardiac arrest. This group of first responders provided admirable medical care that represents the hallmark of resuscitation of cardiac arrest victims.

The resQPUMP system was donated and trained by St. Francis Medical Center and Allina Health EMS respectively.

The AED was donated by the Mdewakanton LIFE program – a program which donates Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) to organizations in need. Use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) is the most effective method to immediately treat sudden cardiac arrests, and organizations ranging from police departments to church congregations have received these life-saving devices. Prior Lake Police Department received the first donation and last donation within this program.