



City of Grand Island

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Council Session

Item C2

Recognition of Life Saving Efforts

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Council Agenda Memo

From: Fire Chief Troy Hughes

Meeting: August 10, 2010

Subject: Citizens Commendation Award

Item #'s: C-2

Presenter(s): Russ Blackburn, Fire Division Chief
Renae Foster of the American Red Cross

Background

Choking is the inability to breathe because the trachea is blocked, constricted, or swollen shut. Choking is a medical emergency. When a person is choking, air cannot reach the lungs. If the airways cannot be cleared, death follows within 4 to 6 minutes. Grand Island has 24/7 staffed fire stations that are strategically located in a fashion that allows emergency responders to beat this life and death deadline of 4-6 minutes.

On May 10, 2010 Maycee Mazanec had a febrile seizure while she was eating, when the seizure finished the food she was eating had become a foreign body airway obstruction. Her daughter was not able to breathe and turning blue. Ms. Mazanec called 911 and the Emergency Center dispatcher dispatched the Fire Department. Then Ms. Mazanec remembered her neighbor, who runs a daycare, was trained in CPR. She called her neighbor Stacia Rice for help. Ms. Rice came over, and used her training from the Red Cross, to clear the airway of the infant, saving her life. When GIFD emergency responders arrived Maycee's airway was clear and she was breathing on her own.

This incident shows the importance of having as many people as possible in the community trained in CPR. Even though help from the Fire Department is usually less than five minutes away, immediate care provided by people already at the scene can have the greatest affect on the outcome of these medical emergencies, and increase survival rates.

The Grand Island Fire Department would like to present Stacia Rice with the Citizen's Commendation Award for her display of heroism shown on May 10, 2010 in which her efforts saved the life of Maycee Mazanec.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Stacia Rice be presented with the Citizen Commendation Award for her life saving efforts on May 10, 2010.