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Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District Recognizes, Honors Citizens

FREDERICK, Colo. – During the Town of Frederick’s Board meeting on October 13, 2015, the Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District honored and recognized four community members who displayed great compassion and service to a fellow human being experiencing a life threatening medical event.

Mary Fisher, Tiffany Chavez, Robert Auckly and Firefighter Nate Kelley each received a commendation from Frederick-Firestone F.P.D. On the morning of Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015, Michael Olson was traveling on the bike path adjacent to the 6500 block of Colorado Blvd. in Frederick, when he suffered from a sudden cardiac event which left him unconscious and pulseless.

Three citizens – Fisher, Chavez and Auckly – traveling independently of each other on Colorado Blvd. noticed a man lying face down on the bike path and stopped to render aid. The individuals activated 911, and repositioned Mr. Olson to open his airway.

A fourth citizen, off-duty Denver Firefighter Kelley, also stopped and began CPR until Frederick-Firestone F.P.D. medical units arrived on scene to take over care with advanced life support and transport Olson to the hospital.

After a brief hospital stay, Olson was able to recover and return home.

Fire Chief Ted Poszywak and Division Chief of Life Safety Doug Prunk delivered the commendations to the four individuals to recognize them in selflessly assisting a stranger during a time of need, leading to preservation of life. “If it was not for the quick actions of these individuals, the outcome would have been far more tragic,” said Poszywak. “We recognize these men and women for making the conscious decision to take action in what was unfolding in front of them. Their action stands literally as living proof that everyone can make a difference in the life of others.”

Along with the four citizens getting the chance to reunite with Olson, Frederick-Firestone F.P.D. first responders who were on scene that morning also got the rare opportunity to meet a citizen they had assisted.

ABOUT FREDERICK-FIRESTONE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Frederick-Firestone Fire Protection District (FFFPD) is governed by a Board of Directors and provides to the Town of Frederick, the Town of Firestone, Evanston and areas of unincorporated Weld County emergency services, fire protection, prevention and education.

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