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SUBJECT: Recognition: Police Department Life Saving Award

RECOMMENDATION: It is respectfully requested that the Mayor and Council recognize Chief David Ebinger for the purpose of awarding Police Department Life Saving Award to Officer Scott Kostohryz and a citizen recognition award to Moorhead Mail Carrier Dave Stabnow.

BACKGROUND: On Thursday, January 8, 2009, Mail Carrier Dave Stabnow, from the Moorhead Post Office, was delivering mail in the 1100 block of 20 St N when he noticed black smoke coming from the roof of 1108 20 St N. He called the Red River Regional Dispatch Center and Officer Scott Kostohryz was dispatched along with Moorhead Fire Department units.

Officer Kostohryz had knowledge that some Moorhead Fire Units were currently assisting in Fargo with a fire and that the roads were very icy and may delay their response. When he arrived, he was told that it was believed no one was in the house. He checked and found the front door locked and did not see anyone inside through the windows, but noted the interior of the residence filling with smoke. Officer Kostohryz made his way around the back of the residence continuing to look for any people inside. He found the back door unlocked and he knocked and announced his presence. He received no answer and opened the door again announcing his presence. Officer Kostohryz looked inside and could see the feet of a person propped up in a recliner. The person would not answer his repeated calls. Officer Kostohryz then assessed the amount of smoke in the residence and the potential delayed response of Fire units and made entry into the residence to rescue the person after announcing so on the radio for arriving units to be aware of a possible fire/smoke victim. He found the resident asleep and unaware of the fire and escorted him to safety.

KEY ISSUES: It is proper to recognize outstanding citizen actions and exemplary employee performance in compliance with City and/or Police Department Policy.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS: Moorhead Police Department Administrative Policy #25 provides for bestowing this award on members who are deemed to qualify after a review of the incident by an established Awards Board.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: There is no financial cost to the City of Moorhead.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS: Such recognitions are within the purview of the Mayor and Council.

Respectfully Submitted:





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City Manager

Department/Response Person: Police

Attachments:

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