

TO: Mayor Robinson and City Council

FROM: Jeffrey L. McCormick, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Recognition Award

DATE: May 12, 2016

BACKGROUND

One of the things I did after coming to Cannon Falls was the implementation of a recognition program within the Police Department to formalize the process of recognizing both department employees and those that provide assistance to the department. I am proud of the actions of the officers and citizens previously recognized and I am very pleased to again be coming before the City Council to recognize one of our officers.

I have invited Officer Jill Ekstrom to the City Council meeting to receive this recognition.

Officer Jill Ekstrom Lifesaving Award

On February 21, 2016 at 6:00pm, Officer Jill Ekstrom, (who had just started her shift) was dispatched to a residence for a female choking. When Officer Ekstrom arrived she found the female's husband performing the Heimlich Maneuver. Officer Ekstrom took over and continued to administer the Heimlich Maneuver to the female. Officer Ekstrom was able to get a couple of chunks of food out, but breathing was not restored. The female became passed out and Officer Ekstrom with the assistance of a member of the ambulance that had arrived laid the female on the ground. The female was blue in the face. Chest compressions were started with rescue breathing. After two breathes, the female began to breathe on her own. The Ambulance arrived at the location and took over care for the female. Within a couple of minutes the female was talking and was taken to the hospital to be checked.

Officer Ekstrom, who is an Emergency Medical Technician as well, reacted just as she is trained and her quick response and actions saved the life of a choking woman. It is for those actions that Officer Ekstrom is presented on this 17th day of May, 2016 with the Cannon Falls Police Department Lifesaving Award.