



DATE: September 18, 2023

TO: Mayor Robinson and City Councilmembers

FROM: Wendell Shirley, Chief, 452-4177
Police

SUBJECT: Carnegie Hero Fund Award Presentation

On September 18, 2023, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission would like Mayor Robinson and City Council to present Officer Kealii Akahane with the Carnegie Medal. The Medal recognizes outstanding acts of selfless and heroism to those who risk their lives to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the lives of others.

On, June 6, 2022, Officer Kealii Akahane (along with Officer Worthington and Officer Sebers) saved the life of a 17-year-old juvenile who was drowning in Phantom Lake. Officer Akahane responded to the park to check the area at the request of the boy's father. While at the end of the fishing dock, Officer Akahane noticed some bubbles and observed a hand float up from the water. Officer Akahane immediately jumped into the cold water and dove down repeatedly, searching for the boy. He eventually found his arm and pulled the juvenile from the lake bottom towards the surface. The juvenile survived, was transported to the hospital for treatment, and is alive today because of Officer Akahane's heroic and selfless actions.