



TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Police Chief Brian Sandell

DATE: April 4th, 2022

MEETING DATE: May 2nd, 2022

Agenda Item: Lifesaving Award

Background: On March 14th, 2022, Sergeant Paramedic Josef Garcia responded to an EMS call of chest pain while off duty as a paramedic. At the scene Sergeant Garcia was able to diagnose a heart attack and called for Air Care to respond to the Breezy Point Airport. North Ambulance arrived and the patient was loaded for transport. While in the ambulance the patient went into cardiac arrest and Sgt Garcia began CPR, the patient was defibrillated, and a pulse was restored. Upon loading the patient into the helicopter, the patient again went into cardiac arrest and was defibrillated successfully a second time. The patient was transported by Air Care to the St Cloud catheterization lab.

The patient received a stent to clear the blockage and survived the medical emergency thanks to the great partnership with North Memorial.

Requested Action: Present Sergeant Garcia with a Lifesaving Award and recognize Crow Wing County Zone 3 First Responder Ryan Franz and North Memorial Ambulance Service.