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Lifesaving Awards at City Council Meeting Tonight

At tonight's City Council meeting the La Vista Police Department will recognize four police officers, seven Papillion firefighters along with a Sarpy County 911 operator for their efforts in the saving two lives in December 2015. The four La Vista police officers will be receiving the Department's Life Saving Award. The firefighters and 911 operator will be receiving the police department's Appreciation certificates. The two patients from the calls, a five-week-old baby (along with her mother) and a 64-year-old woman, will be present as well.

On December 4 at 4:30 a.m., officers Brian Mathew and Dana Miller responded to a call for assistance for a 64-year-old female in a seizure. While en route, the officers were advised that CPR was in progress. They arrived prior to fire medics and found the victim in cardiac arrest. Officer Mathew began CPR while Miller prepped the victim for an AED, which was utilized and a shock was given. Officers followed their training and continued CPR, with an additional AED shock until the medics arrived. Medics took over and transported the victim to the hospital where subsequent hearty surgery was required. The victim has since recovered.

On December 31 at 11:53 p.m., officers Steve Walter and TJ Jacik responded to a call for assistance from a mother who advised Sarpy County Communications her five-week-old baby was not breathing and bleeding from the nose. The officers arrived within minutes and assessed the situation and determined the baby was not breathing and had no heartbeat. They immediately began CPR and rescue breathing, with Walter giving breaths and Jacik compressions. Upon the arrival of the Papillion Fire Department medics, shortly thereafter, breath and a pulse had been established. The baby was transported to Alegent-Creighton Midlands Hospital and transferred to Children's Hospital. She has since recovered.

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