



**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**Committee of the Whole Agenda Communication**

**Meeting Date:** April 8, 2024

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**Agenda Item:** Fire Department Awards from Chief McCoy

**Explanation:**

**Award 1**

On December 10, 2023, Washington Police and Fire responded to a private residence for a male subject having chest pain who was now unconscious. WFD quick response vehicle staffed by paramedic Dan Grothe arrived first and found a neighbor doing CPR on the patient. The Paramedic's cardiac monitor was attached, and a manual shock shock was delivered restoring a life sustaining cardiac rhythm. Washington Fire Department ambulance, staffed by Paramedic Ricaldone and EMT Harriman, arrived shortly thereafter and continued resuscitation procedures. Rapid transport and additional advanced cardiac life support provided enroute ultimately resulted in the patient eventually walking out of the hospital neurologically intact.

**Award 2**

On March 13, 2024, in the early morning hours Washington Fire Department responded to a rural residence in reference to a pregnant female in preterm labor. During transport the patient unexpectedly delivered the limbs and torso of the 23-week-old premature baby. EMT Harriman pulled the ambulance over along RT116 and assisted in the delivery of the baby's head. The child was not breathing and had no pulses.

Rapid transport to Saint Francis was continued while CPR and oxygen was provided by Assistant Chief of EMS Marco Ricaldone. Upon arrival at the hospital, NICU staff was able to expand on Washington's efforts, ultimately landing the baby in neonatal intensive care. His name is Leo.