Police officers honored for life-saving efforts

AT MONDAY’S CITY COUNCIL meeting we had another of those moments that makes you realize how lucky we are to live in Renton and be protected by an outstanding group of first responders.

Chief Kevin Milosevich of the Renton Police Department and Chief Rick Marshall of Renton Regional Fire Authority honored six police officers for their quick and decisive actions in saving three lives.

Officers Matt Nugent, Randy Jensen, and Adele O’Rourke were credited with saving the life of a 72-year-old resident of the Highlands in August. Officers Nugent and Jensen performed CPR until fire and aid units arrived, while O’Rourke compiled detailed medical records. For his efforts, Officer Nugent received the police department’s life-saving medal and all three were give citations by the regional fire authority.

Three other Renton police officers were also awarded the life-saving medal for their work with two separate shooting victims.

Officers Jesse Blanco and Corey Jacobs were first on the scene at a lounge shooting in September and as they cleared the parking lot, they found a gunshot victim. Fellow officers secured the area while the pair assessed the victim’s wounds and applied a live-saving tourniquet until medical aid arrived. In July, Officer Scott Bauer used similar training and tactics to stabilize and save the life of a multiple gunshot victim.

The quick actions of these officers were no accident. As Chief Milosevich pointed out, the department goes beyond normal first aid training with their officers to include training in assessment of victim’s injuries and prioritize first aid. The use of that training was recognized Monday and another reminder of the skills of Renton’s first responders.

Community resources ready as weather chills

THE FIRST REAL morning frost hit last week and that has put both our Public Works and Community Services departments into action. Public Works crews have been out early applying de-icer to help with the morning commute. Community Services has been preparing for the opening of the cold weather shelter when needed.

It’s also the time of year we focus on helping those less fortunate. The Renton Kiwanis Clothing Bank is a great place to donate those gently-used clothes. Annually they serve more than 8,000 children and their families in Renton.

Our city staff are in the middle of a non-perishable food drive that will benefit The Renton Rotary Salvation Army Food Bank, Helping Hands Food Bank of Renton and the Emergency Feeding Program of Renton. Crates are available at all city facilities.

City wins awards for two projects

Congratulations to two city departments for a pair of awards they won from state associations.

Hebe Bernardo and Kristina Lowthian from Public Works and Angie Mathias from Community and Economic Development were the project leads as the city was recognized as a Green Star leader by Puget Soundkeeper and Washington Environmental Council. The city was honored for initiating low-impact development practices for handling stormwater runoff.

Flora Lee from Public Works was the project manager for the Duvall Avenue NE pavement preservation project, which was named the state’s best asphalt work for 2016. The project extended the pavement’s life an estimated 12 to 15 years.

Feedback

Comments, questions or suggestions, or just want to share all the great things that are happening in the city, please email me. Thanks for reading.