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CITY COUNCIL TO HONOR TWO VISALIA POLICE SERGEANTS AT MONDAY'S COUNCIL MEETING

Sergeant Mark Feller and Sergeant James Andrews will both be presented with the Visalia Police Department's Life Saving Award on Monday, November 4th 2013, at 7:00 pm. The ceremony will be held at City Council Chambers (707 West Acequia Avenue, Visalia).

The sergeants are being recognized for the following actions:

Sgt. Mark Feller

On July 21st 2013 at approximately 3:00 am, Sergeant Feller heard a loud collision while patrolling in the area of Ranch St. and Main St. He immediately began searching for the collision and located an SUV that had collided into a large oak tree at Main St and Woodland Ave. As Sergeant Feller approached the vehicle - which now had the engine bay engulfed in flames - he immediately noticed the driver (Martin Morales) lying on the ground with his legs partially under the vehicle; Mr. Morales was suffering from a broken femur.

Sergeant Feller immediately reached Mr. Morales, and pulled him away from the burning vehicle before the flames and burning debris could reach him. Within minutes, the SUV was fully engulfed in flames. Martin Morales was transported to Kaweah Delta Medical Center for treatment and is now completing his recovery at home.

Sgt. James Andrews

On August 23rd, 2013 at approximately 6:00 pm, dispatchers received a call of a drowning victim. Twenty-two month-old Roxanna Pugh had fallen into her backyard swimming pool. Roxanna had been submerged in the pool for approximately two minutes.

Sergeant James Andrews responded to the call and found Roxanna was not breathing, had no pulse, and was turning blue. Sergeant Andrews was the only first responder on scene at the time and immediately began CPR. He continued CPR for several minutes until Roxanna began to show signs of life. Fire and Ambulance personnel arrived shortly thereafter and continued the life-saving efforts.

Roxanna was transported to Kaweah Delta Medical Center and then to Children's Hospital. She is now recovering at home with her family.

