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To: City Council

From: Mike Myers, Fire Chief

Subject: David Campbell Memorial Board Report to Council

The David Campbell Memorial Board would like to present Firefighter Bret Kimple with a Bronze Medal of Valor at City Council for his outstanding efforts during the NW Glisan gas explosion.

Although Firefighter Bret Kimple was hurt during the blast and bleeding from the head, he rendered initial care and took over as lead Paramedic for Lt. St. John who was severely injured in the explosion and did not relinquish lead Paramedic duties until Lt. St. John was on a stretcher to be transported to the hospital. He protected Lt. St. John with his own body and knelt at his feet, feeling that his SCBA would protect both of them should another blast occur.

Once Lt. St. John was transported to the hospital, Firefighter Kimple received care for himself, and then talked his way out of the first ambulance in order to return to the scene. He continued administering additional treatment for other injured patients. He was then forced into being transported to the hospital so he could receive his own treatment.

David Campbell Memorial Board Report to Council
(Presentation introduced by Commissioner Saltzman)

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| 2. Fish | | |
| 3. Saltzman | | |
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