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Three City Employees Honored for Their Actions

At the City Council meeting on November 17, 2014, three City of Bowie employees were recognized for their decisive actions in the face of on-the-job emergencies.

In May of this year, Allen Pond Boathouse Supervisor Robert Feazell and Park Ranger Brittany Hollins rescued five patrons after their pedal boat overturned while pedaling through Allen Pond. These two employees were notified that several individuals had fallen into the pond after their boat capsized. Feazell and Hollis raced to the boat dock, jumped into a boat, and motored out to the scene. The two then pulled five individuals, including a pregnant female, and a small child out of the water and into safety. All were taken back to shore to receive medical attention. None of the boat patrons were injured.

The quick thinking and prompt action of Robert Feazell and Brittany Hollis played a critical role in prevention one or more of these patrons from suffering serious injury or drowning. In late October, both were awarded the 2014 Lifesaver Award by the Local Government Insurance Trust.

Another employee, James Elben, III was also honored by the City Council for his quick actions and professionalism during a fire. Mr. Elben is a driver for the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department. While driving his trash route on October 30, 2014, Mr. Elben discovered that there was a fire in the rear of his trash truck. He dumped the load on the street, where it could be easily extinguished. Mr. Elben's quick actions and calm in the face of danger prevented damage to himself and other employees on the truck, and prevented damage to the \$100,000+ truck and other nearby vehicles.

The City Council unanimously adopted proclamations honoring the work of these individuals at the November 17, 2014 meeting. Mayor G. Frederick Robinson was complimentary of the three employees and all City employees saying, "I congratulate these three outstanding individuals for their actions. They are representative of the many fine City employees, who work tirelessly for our city every day."

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