



City of Broken Arrow

Request for Action

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Broken Arrow City Council
Meeting of: 06/17/2019

Title:

Presentation by the Mayor of the Carnegie Medal of Honor to Broken Arrow Citizen Kali Allen

Background:

Established in 1904, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission was created to recognize outstanding acts of selfless heroism performed in the United States and Canada. The Commission awards the Carnegie Medal to those who risk their lives to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the lives of others. In March 2019, the Commission recognized 19 Americans as Carnegie Heroes. One of the honorees was Broken Arrow citizen, Kali Allen.

On Jan. 4, 2018, Kali Allen attempted to rescue 55-year-old Jeffrey K. McIlroy from drowning in Catoosa. McIlroy had fallen through ice into a deep pond. After being alerted by a woman, Allen ran to the pond, where he saw McIlroy partially submerged. Allen stepped onto the ice, but heard it cracking and backed away. He obtained a flotation device, and then slid toward McIlroy. Seeing him completely submerge, Allen ran to the edge of the hole and entered the open water. He submerged attempting to find McIlroy but was unable to locate him. Allen resurfaced and used a pool noodle to aid his floating because he could not lift himself out of the water. From a bank, responding firefighters tied multiple ropes together and tossed the extended line to Allen. Once Allen secured the line around his body, they pulled him onto the ice and to the bank. A diver later located McIlroy, who had drowned. Allen was treated at the hospital for hypothermia.

Mayor Thurmond would like to join with the Carnegie Commission in honoring Mr. Allen for his heroic efforts and will present the Carnegie Medal to him during the City Council meeting.

Cost: \$0

Funding Source: N/A

Requested By: Crickett Moore, Executive Assistant

Approved By: City Manager's Office

Attachments: Carnegie Hero Fund Commission Letter and News Release

Recommendation:

No action required.