

Background/Justification:

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board to present the Morris A. Miller Health Hero Award.

This award was established by Scott County in 2002 to honor people in the community who make a spontaneous reaction to an emergency while not thinking of their own safety during an unusual medical or lifesaving incident.

This award was named in honor of the late Morris A. Miller. Mr. Miller was highly respected in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) field as he had worked diligently for many years in the area of pre-hospital care in Scott County and throughout the Metro Area.

Fiscal Impact: None

The individuals receiving these awards today were brought to the Scott County All Hazards Committee. The names and circumstance for receiving this award are as follows:

Morris A. Miller Health Hero Award Nomination

On April 18th 2017 while playing basketball at the New Prague High School Matthew Church suffered a medical emergency that required immediate medical attention. Church collapsed, had no pulse, and was not breathing. Bystanders called 911 and recognizing that Church needed immediate care. Citizens Colin Shepp and Michael Bartusek, without hesitation, began performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and applied an automated external defibrillator (AED). Emergency responders arrived at the scene including, New Prague Police Officer Dean Duban and Scott County Deputy Ben Koestner. CPR was continued by the Law Enforcement Officers along with North Memorial Medics Pam Schoenbauer and Kirsten Eue. Resuscitation efforts were continued and after the fourth AED shock was administered, a pulse was confirmed and Church began breathing. Church was turned over to North Memorial Ambulance staff and transported to Mayo Clinic Health Systems New Prague for additional care.

Because of the quick and selfless efforts of Bartusek and Shepp and the quality of care provided by the emergency responders, Church has recovered and is living at his residence with his family. He is thankful for the actions of those that impacted his outcome on that morning and is today will personally meet those involved in his medical emergency. This was a true team effort and shows the importance of citizens working with first responders to save lives.

