

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor Pat Humphrey & City Commission
FROM: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
DATE: August 15, 2024
RE: Award of Life Saving Pin – Reserve Officer Sergeant Ken Chinavare

For the Agenda of August 19, 2024

Background. On July 18, 2024, Sergeant Ken Chinavare, one of the city's reserve officers, responded to a very serious vehicle vs. motorcycle accident in downtown Clare (see attached memo from Police Chief Saad). Without Ken's intervention and quick thinking, it is quite likely that the outcome of this incident would have been very different and the riders likely would not have survived. The City Commission is asked to formally recognize the heroic life-saving actions of Reserve Officer Sergeant Ken Chinavare by presentation of a Life Saving Pin.

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission acknowledge and recognize Reserve Officer Sergeant Chinavare for his actions in saving the life of two accident victims by the award of a Life Saving Pin?

Alternatives.

1. Recognize the officer.
2. Do not recognize the officer.
3. Set aside a decision regarding this matter to a later date.

Financial Impact. The cost of recognition is minimal – the cost of a life-saving pin.

Recommendation. I recommend Mayor Humphrey present the respective Life-Saving Pin to Reserve Officer Sergeant Ken Chinavare.

Attachments.

1. Chief Saad's Memo.

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Dear Mr. Howard,

I am writing to formally request a Life-Saving Award for Sergeant Ken Chinavare, a Clare Police Reserve Officer, whose exemplary actions and quick thinking at the scene of a severe accident undoubtedly saved the lives of two individuals.

On July 18th 2024, Sergeant Chinavare responded to a devastating car versus motorcycle accident. Upon arrival, he was confronted with a scene of chaos and critical injury; both the male and female motorcycle riders had suffered traumatic amputations of their legs. Demonstrating remarkable composure and professionalism, Sergeant Chinavare immediately assessed the situation and recognized the necessity for rapid intervention to prevent fatal blood loss.

Using his training and experience, Sergeant Chinavare applied tourniquets to both patients. His swift and precise application of these tourniquets was instrumental in stemming the hemorrhaging and stabilizing the patients until further medical assistance could arrive. It is no exaggeration to state that his actions were the difference between life and death for these individuals.

Beyond the immediate impact of his life-saving measures, Sergeant Chinavare exemplifies the highest standards of the Clare Police Department. His dedication to duty, his ability to remain calm under pressure, and his unwavering commitment to the well-being of the community are qualities that deserve recognition and commendation. His actions during this incident reflect not only his personal bravery and competence but also the effectiveness of the training and readiness of our reserve officers.

Sergeant Chinavare's heroism and professionalism merit special acknowledgment through the Life-Saving Award. This award would not only honor his outstanding performance but also serve as a testament to the exceptional service provided by our entire police force.

Thank you for considering this request. I am confident that recognizing Sergeant Chinavare in this manner will reinforce the values we hold dear in our community and within our police department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Saad".

Chief David Saad



Chief David Saad
City of Clare Police Department