



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: July 7, 2009

SUBJECT: Certificate of Appreciation for Jose Luis Lua

Report in Brief

Jose Luis Lua, while on his street sweeping rounds for Waste Management of Woodland on May 28, 2009, noticed an unusual smell, investigated and identified its origin as a residence where a fire had broken out, and notified fire personnel. His observant actions and initiative allowed for the timely notification and evacuation of the residents of adjacent homes and the suppression of the fire before major damage had occurred.

Staff recommends that the City Council recognize Jose Luis Lua with a Certificate of Appreciation for his exemplary initiative and service to the community in relation to the May 28, 2009 residential fire.

Background

On the morning of Thursday, May 28, 2009, Waste Management of Woodland employee Jose Luis Lua was conducting residential street sweeping rounds and noticed an odd smell on one street. He circled around the street to investigate its origin until he noticed smoke coming from a residence. He then called the fire department to report a fire and waited for fire personnel to arrive.

Neighbors across the street were alerted to the fact that something was wrong when they saw Mr. Lua's sweeper parked on the street. After learning that Mr. Lua had contacted the fire department, they made sure nobody was home at the house where the fire had broken out, then notified the elderly neighbor and the pregnant neighbor in the homes adjacent to the house that was on fire. They were able to remove the pregnant neighbor, who was one day beyond her due date, to their home away from the smoke and ensured that the elderly neighbor had an assistant on hand to remove her from her home if necessary.

Fire personnel arrived on the scene and were able to suppress the fire and limit the damage to the home. Mr. Lua modestly left the scene unidentified once the fire personnel arrived on the scene. One of the neighbors in the home across the street wrote to staff relating the incident and requesting that

staff forward the neighbors' appreciation to the driver of the street sweeper. He stated, "If it weren't for the quick thinking of the street sweeper and his initiative to realize something was wrong and make a second loop through the neighborhood, the incident could have been much, much worse, even fatal."

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council agenda.

Recommendation for Action

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Attachment: Certificate of Appreciation

City of Woodland

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

PRESENTED TO JOSE LUIS LUA

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2009, a fire began in a Woodland residence when the homeowner was not at home; and

WHEREAS, Jose Luis Lua, an employee of Waste Management of Woodland, was operating the street sweeper on this street, noticed an unusual smell and circled the area to investigate its origin, saw smoke coming from the residence, and notified the Fire Department and waited for their arrival; and

WHEREAS, Jose Luis Lua's actions allowed for the timely notification and evacuation of an elderly and a pregnant neighbor from adjacent homes and for a quick response by fire personnel to limit the fire damage; and

WHEREAS, Jose Luis Lua has provided outstanding and exemplary service to the City of Woodland.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Woodland does hereby recognize Jose Luis Lua as a distinguished employee of Waste Management of Woodland who displayed great initiative and community service to the City of Woodland during a residence fire on May 28, 2009.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of July 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Woodland to be affixed.

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

Artemio Pimentel, Vice-Mayor

Martie L. Dote, Council Member

William L. Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member