



# **MEMORANDUM**

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Fire Chief Steve Parker  
**Date:** June 19, 2018  
**Subject:** Award of Exemplary Action: Sherrie and Chris DeFraitess, Debbie Pileggi and Kurt and Julie Hofmeister

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On May 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 Wayne Michaels was playing tennis at Brookhaven Country Club. During his match he began feeling fatigued and stated he needed to sit and rest. On his way to the bench, he died.

Sherrie DeFraitess, an RN, was playing tennis on an adjacent court and noticed that Wayne had collapsed. She rushed to his side and immediately asked for someone to go get the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) that was kept in the pro shop. Sherrie then began to perform chest compressions. Another member alerted Brookhaven employee Debbie Pileggi who obtained the AED and brought it to the court. Several members including Sherrie's husband Chris DeFraitess, along with Julie and Kurt Hofmeister assisted in providing CPR and applying the AED. One shock was delivered and CPR continued prior to the arrival of Fire Department Paramedics.

Upon the arrival of Farmers Branch Engine 131 (Acting Lieutenant Bryan Hardy, acting Driver Jonathon Dallalio, and Firefighter/Paramedics Mike Mania and Andrew Card) and Medic 131 (Firefighter/Paramedics John Perkins and Robert Shomody) Wayne Michaels was determined to have a pulse. Prior to Medic 131 transporting Wayne to the Medical City Dallas ER, he was conscious and able to speak to the paramedics.

After treatment at Medical City, Mr. Wayne Michaels has fully recovered since suffering a cardiac arrest on the Brookhaven Country Club tennis court.

There is no doubt that without the quick and selfless action of Sherrie and Chris DeFraitess, Debbie Pileggi, and Julie and Kurt Hofmeister, Mr. Wayne Michaels would have had a much different outcome that evening. They worked as a team to save a life, truly exemplifying what it means to live and play in Farmers Branch. Therefore, it is my pleasure to recognize their actions and present them the Farmers Branch Fire Department's Award of Exemplary Action.

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