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Resolution 18-05

Authority Member NISKI moved approval of the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION HONORING BRIAN HATZEL OF THE FORT CARSON DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AS TELECOMMUNICATOR OF THE FIRST QUARTER 2018.

WHEREAS, the El Paso – Teller County Emergency Telephone Service Authority was created to provide a two-county-wide 9-1-1 system; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Authority wish to recognize outstanding call takers and dispatchers within the system through the Telecommunicator of the Quarter and Telecommunicator of the Year programs; and

WHEREAS, On February 18, 2018 at 1435 hours, a grandmother called reporting that her grandson had sent her a text message indicating that he was suicidal. The grandmother had only basic information and did not know where her grandson was. Brian immediately started checking other resources and found that the soldier belonged to the 6/17 CAV. Brian followed up with phone calls to the staff duty phone number in an attempt to reach the soldier's chain of command. When there was no answer at the staff duty number, officers were dispatched to the unit and an emergency locate was initiated for the soldier's cell phone. While waiting for officers to get a key to the soldier's barracks room, Brian started searching through the Alerts database to find any additional information on the soldier and also issued a BOLO to the gates.

WHEREAS, At 1521 hours, patrol units cleared the call. Brian felt uneasy about the call being cleared by patrol. His instincts demanded that further action be taken to find this soldier and he continued to relentlessly search his resources to find everything he could about the soldier. Brian searched through CCIC/NCIC and found that Pueblo PD had run the soldier in January. Brian called Pueblo PD to see if they had any useful information to use to locate the soldier. It was determined that the soldier had a girlfriend in Pueblo and Brian arranged to have a Pueblo PD unit go by the address and see if they could make contact. Brian also searched Colorado DMV records to see if the soldier had any vehicles registered to him. He located a listing for a vehicle that belonged to the soldier and updated the BOLO.

WHEREAS, When the phone PING returned, it showed the cell phone to be hitting the cell tower at 5675 South Academy with a distance of .57 miles off of the Northern sector. Brian took the coordinates, put them into Google maps and overlaid a satellite image. He then used the distance to try and figure out where the soldier might be. Brian determined that the soldier must

be somewhere close to the Walmart on Venetucci Blvd. Brian then contacted the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, gave them information about the soldier, his vehicle description and asked them to check the parking lot of the Walmart on Venetucci Blvd.

WHEREAS, At 1624 hours, responders made contact with the vehicle and the soldier who had intentionally overdosed on medications and was unconscious in his vehicle. Medical was called to the scene and the soldier was transported. The soldier most certainly would have died had medical not reached him when it did. Brian's efforts were extraordinary and directly resulted in saving this soldier's life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The El Paso – Teller County 9-1-1 Authority honors Brian Hatzel as the Telecommunicator of the First Quarter of 2018.


Authority Member SHANNON seconded the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The roll having been called, the vote was as follows:

Authority Member:	DeYoung	aye/nay/not present/abstain
Authority Member:	Niski	aye/nay/not present/abstain
Authority Member:	Pritchard	aye/nay/not present/abstain
Authority Member:	Ribeiro	aye/nay/not present/abstain
Authority Member:	Rigdon	aye/nay/not present/abstain
Authority Member:	Rose	aye/nay/not present/abstain
Authority Member:	Shannon	aye/nay/not present/abstain
Authority Member:	Truty	aye/nay/not present/abstain
Authority Member:	Wheeler	aye/nay/not present/abstain



Done the 23rd day of May 2018, at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

El Paso-Teller County
9-1-1 Authority


Chairman, Dave Rose
Vice Chair, Miles DeYoung


Secretary, Pat Rigdon