

TOWN OF ALTA

RESOLUTION 2023-R-5

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING ALTA MARSHAL'S OFFICE PERSONNEL, FIRST RESPONDERS, TOWN STAFF, AND ASSISTING CITIZENS

WHEREAS, the Alta Marshal's Office ("AMO") is under the leadership of Marshal Mike Morey and is comprised of 13 personnel tasked with the responsibility of keeping all occupants of the Town safe, to the extent possible, and to enforce the law; and

WHEREAS, the winter season of this year 2022-2023 has been particularly challenging with historic amounts of snowfall and winter storms; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2023, the following events took place:

At 5:23 PM, the Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center ("VECC") transferred a 911 call to AMO Central Dispatch regarding a 9 year old male that had been buried by a roof avalanche at the Superior Point Condominiums.

Dispatcher Chris Templin immediately broadcast a general "call to respond" to all those who monitor the Alta Central channel. Within two minutes of that call, Deputy Ted Spencer arrived and immediately deployed an avalanche probe and shovel, successfully making a probe strike of the victim within the first few attempts. The UDOT Avalanche Forecasting Team members Kevin Payne, Dan Costachuck, Kyle Frederick, and Laurie Delaney also all responded and began assisting Deputy Spencer. Together, the responders removed the male victim from underneath approximately three feet of dense, compacted snow and the recovery was accomplished in approximately four minutes from the time of the initial call.

Upon extraction, the juvenile was semi-conscious and experiencing difficulty breathing. An ambulance from the Unified Fire Authority ("UFA") Station 113, members of the Unified Police Department ("UPD") Canyon Patrol and other Marshal's Office personnel arrived shortly thereafter. UFA Paramedics assumed medical care of the juvenile. UPD Officers and members of the Alta Ski Patrol coordinated the response and landing of a Life Flight Helicopter at the Ski Area Base. The juvenile was transported to the landing zone and subsequently flown to Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City in a stabilized condition. The Marshal's Office learned from family members that the juvenile is expected to completely recover from the burial and is doing very well.

WHEREAS, the response to this accident by everyone in the Alta Community is a testament to the skill, professionalism and intense dedication of the first responders and citizens that serve, work, and live in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Without the immediate actions and clear thinking of everyone involved, this incident may have ended very differently.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF ALTA, UTAH that the Council:


- Honors Marshal Mike Morey, Deputy Ted Spencer, Dispatcher Chris Templin, UDOT Avalanche Forecasting Team members Kevin Payne, Dan Costachuck, Kyle Frederick,

and Laurie Delaney, other assisting AMO personnel, VECC dispatch, UFA Station 113 paramedics, UPD Canyon Patrol, and the Alta Ski Area Ski Patrol;

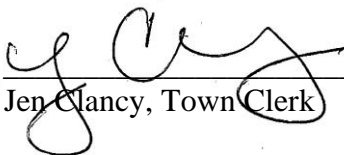
- Recognizes the remarkable courage and honor that those in law enforcement display and the work they do to keep their communities safe;
- Extends heartfelt appreciation to all of the Alta Community for selflessly acting to care for others and making Alta such a wonderful place to live, work, and recreate.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of April, 2023.

BY 

Roger Bourke, Mayor

ATTEST 

Jen Clancy, Town Clerk