



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

MEMORANDUM

September 11, 2023

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

FROM: Debora P. Díaz, Town Manager

REF: Introductions and Presentations

1. Lifesaving Awards (Attached IP-1)

Members of the Kill Devil Hills Police Department, along with a citizen, acted quickly to save the life of a drowning child on August 25, 2023. The Police Department's meeting memorandum highlights the remarkable efforts of officers Joey Delmonte and Austin Gray, who entered the water to quickly rescue the child, and ultimately averted a potential tragedy. Awards are being presented at this meeting to honor these courageous actions.



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Chief
GARY L. BRITT

Date: September 11, 2023

To: Debbie Diaz, Town Manager

From: Chris Carter, Lieutenant *cmc*

Cc: Gary Britt, Police Chief *GB*

Re: Awards presentation at the Board of Commissioners Meeting

On August 25, 2023 Officers Delmonte and Gray were able to save a child from drowning in a pond in the Bermuda Bay Community of Kill Devil Hills. The child in question was non-verbal autistic and had wandered away from his vacation home into a body of water. Both Officers Gray and Delmonte entered the water to save the child as he was beginning to lose his ability to float sinking under the water. The Police Chief has approved life-saving awards for both Delmonte and Gray that are to be presented at the next Board of Commissioners meeting. In addition to these awards, the Kill Devil Hills Police Department is attempting to contact a citizen who helped the officers with the rescue of the child by offering a certificate of appreciation at the aforementioned meeting. I request that the life-saving awards presentation be scheduled for the September 11, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.