



Legislation Text

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To Recognize Officer Gabriel Watt for Actions Taken as a Member of the Columbus Division of Police

WHEREAS, On Wednesday, October 30 at 1:29am, Officer Gabriel Watt and his partner Officer Brandon Fleming responded to a suspected drug overdose in the 6600 block of Karl Road; and

WHEREAS, Upon arriving at the scene, the officers determined that the overdose victim was unresponsive. In an attempt to counteract the effects of the drug overdose, the officers administered Naloxone to the victim; and

WHEREAS, Despite receiving a dose of Naloxone the victim remained unconscious, Officers Watt and Fleming attached an automated external defibrillator or AED from their cruiser to the victim's chest to see if it could administer a lifesaving shock and pull the victim out of sudden cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS, After the AED performed a diagnostic, it determined that the victim was not in ventricular fibrillation and advised the officers to begin CPR; and

WHEREAS, Officers Watt and Fleming performed CPR for several minutes until paramedic units were arrived on scene. Later medics would credit the performance of CPR to circulating Naloxone throughout the victim's body, facilitating the victim's breathing and returning them to consciousness; and

WHEREAS, The actions of Officer Watt and Officer Fleming exemplify the mission of the Columbus Division of Police: The men and women of the Columbus Division of Police serve their community guided by our core values: Integrity, Compassion, Accountability, Respect & Excellence; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby express its appreciation for the outstanding service of Officer Gabriel Watt for his actions on October 30, 2019.