LINCOLNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

BRIAN R. GREENE, CHIEF OF POLICE

Dear Council,

1. On June 29th, 2025, Officer Noah Watson responded to a domestic disturbance involving a firearm at Betty G. Ross Park. Officer Watson arrived on scene and was attempting to locate the disturbance when he heard a gunshot at the lower parking lot of the park. Officer Watson stops and exits his vehicle at the top of the parking lot and advises communications shots were fired and retrieves his patrol rifle from the back of his vehicle. It is at this point Officer Watson notices a subject slumped on the ground behind a pickup truck occupied by another driver. With the current information officer safety training would dictate that Officer Watson remains behind the cover of his vehicle and wait for backup to arrive so they can make a coordinated approach. However, believing the subject on the ground had been shot, Officer Watson decided to place himself in extreme danger to help the victim. As Officer Watson approached the pickup, he noticed a male in the front seat with a firearm in which the subject pointed at Officer Watson. Officer Watson warned the subject numerous times before he was forced to neutralize the suspect which allowed Officers to assist the victim who had been shot in the chest. Officer Watson's quick actions and his courageous decision to place the safety of an injured victim before his own is the reason the victim is still alive today.

   For these reasons we are asking Council to approve the Department's highest award, the Medal of Honor for Officer Watson. This medal is awarded for an act of heroism above and beyond the call of duty and when placed in imminent threat of death or serious physical injury to personal self or others

2. As Officer Watson warned the subject Officer Steven Roper arrived on the scene to back up Officer Watson. While Officer Watson kept the subject covered, Officer Roper made his way to the victim, putting himself in danger. Officer Roper dragged the victim to safety behind cover. Officer Roper along with another officer provided life-saving care to the victim.

   For these reasons we are asking Council to approve the Department's second highest award, the Metal of Valor for Officer Roper. This medal is awarded for an act of heroism within the performance of normal duties when placed in imminent threat of death or serious physical injury to personal self or others.

According to Department Policy these two awards require Council approval. We are requesting this on the consent agenda. They will be awarded at our Police Banquet.

Thank you,

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