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Citizen Valor Award

The Black Mountain Police Department proudly presents the **Citizen Valor Award** to **Phillip T. Whiting** in recognition of extraordinary courage, selfless action, and unwavering commitment to the safety of others during a critical public safety incident at the Trailhead Restaurant.

On July 2, 2026, while confronted with an armed individual inside the Trailhead Restaurant who was openly waving a firearm and threatening to kill innocent people, **Phillip T. Whiting** displayed exceptional courage, composure, and concern for the safety of others. Their calm and decisive actions provided critical assistance during a rapidly evolving and extremely dangerous situation, helping protect lives and supporting the efforts of responding law enforcement officers.

In the face of imminent danger, **Phillip T. Whiting** demonstrated the highest standards of courage, civic responsibility, and selfless service. Their willingness to act under extraordinary circumstances reflects great credit upon themselves and serves as an inspiration to the entire Black Mountain community.

The Black Mountain Police Department is honored to recognize **Phillip T. Whiting** for actions that exemplify the finest traditions of citizenship, bravery, and dedication to the protection of others.

Presented this 14 day of September 2026

Steven R Parker

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Chief of Police
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