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Police Department Awards Ceremony

Last year, the dispatch center answered over 150,000 calls, and police officers responded to over 55,000 calls. In order to commend the wonderful work ethic necessary to handle this volume of calls, the Casper Police Department holds an annual awards ceremony. There are seven categories of awards which were given out for the past year's accolades: Letters of Commendation, Certificates of Merit, Meritorious Achievement Medals, Citizen Service Citations, Life Saving Medals, Yearly Awards, and a Medal of Valor.



the performance of their duties. This year, several of the forty-two awarded were handed out to police officers and dispatchers alike for their prompt and efficient work during the Casper Mountain Fire, the Casper College tragedy of 2012, and the hostage situation, which occurred at a local motel. But many others were also awarded letters, for work in bringing the Casper Police Department Policy Manual up to the national standards, for taking large quantities of drugs off the street, getting stolen purses back to their rightful owners, and even responding to a fire and helping a citizen to safety.

Citizen Service Citation

Another award, the Citizen Service Citation, was designed to provide recognition to citizens

who perform acts of bravery or service for the Casper Police Department or for the public safety of the community. This year, six individuals were given this award. One such award was presented to Lisa Tritico. One day last year, the Verizon Wireless store received a call from a very angry man who threatened to bring in a gun. Verizon notified the police and Eastridge Mall security. Lisa, who is a mall security officer, immediately began scanning the parking areas. When she saw a man arrive and begin to unload something from his car, she approached the man and was able to talk him down. She

stated that she had to stop him before he came in and caused any harm. Lisa, like all mall security officers was unarmed.

Medal Of Valor

One more award given was the Medal of



Lisa Tritico receiving her award.

Valor, which is the highest award presented by the Casper Police Department, and it is only given when a member of the Department gives their life in the line of duty, or they performed their work at the risk of their life, above and beyond the call of duty. This year the award was presented to Officer Zack Winter. Officer Winter was able to stop an armed gunman, before the gunman could hurt the officer or anyone else.

Storm Water Management Plan

Casper's geography poses some interesting challenges when it comes to rainwater and snowmelt. When the snow on Casper Mountain melts, it flows through fourteen creeks that eventually reach the North Platte River. These waters alternate between flowing on the surface and flowing underground, through large storm sewer pipes.

During rain storms, water also flows to the river from the northern rim of the community. It also pours off streets,

rooftops, and parking lots, then into gutters, ditches, detention ponds, and underground storm sewers.

The city has spent the last year working on a storm water management plan that maps out the flow of rainwater and snowmelt. The completed document shows water in an average rain storm, and it also shows how

large rain events might cause overflows in the system.

One concern is the flow of Elkhorn Creek, which runs about an eighth of a mile east of the Eastridge Mall. A huge rainstorm could cause the creek



to overrun Second Street, which might temporarily cut off access between central Casper and the Mountain View

Hospital.

Another concern is in the Rustic Ridge area of west Casper. Water flows in that area are currently pulling selenium into the river. Selenium is a naturally occurring mineral, but high concentrations in the river can be dangerous to wildlife.

The storm water management plan lays out a 20-year plan of improvements that should help prevent pollution and make Casper more resistant to flooding.

Casper is a Tree City

The City of Casper has been a Tree City USA for 15 years. Tree City is a designation from the Arbor Day Foundation that recognizes communities across the country for their commitment to trees in the urban landscape. Approximately 3,400 communities in the nation, 45 in Wyoming, are Tree City USAs.

Three highlights of the City's urban forestry program are the tree partnership with Rocky Mountain Power, the arborist education program, and the street tree program.

Partnership with Rocky Mountain Power

Rocky Mountain power, as a Tree Line USA utility, keeps the city informed of the utility line tree trimming program, provides expert presenters for the city's arborist education program, and works with the city to educate citizens about the importance of the right tree in the right place.

Arborist Education Program

The arborist education and training course enables citizens to have access to competent, certified tree care professionals. The course is free and open to all tree workers who would like to become arborists or who are maintaining arborist certification.

Street Tree Program

The street tree program encourages residents to plant boulevard or street trees by sharing the initial cost of the tree. The City plants the tree, waters it for the first six months, and educates the homeowner on tree care and maintenance. All Casper residents are eligible and applications can be found on the City's website. Increasing the number of trees in Casper helps the city maintain clean air and water, helps block the wind, and the shade helps to cool homes, sidewalks, and streets in the summer.

For more "Keep Casper Beautiful" Information go to casperwy.gov or scan the QR code.



Heads up! City News & Tips

Outdoor Pool Changes for Summer 2013

City pools including Paradise Valley Pool, Washington Park Pool, and Marion Kreiner Park Pool will be open to the public.

East Casper Community Pool will be demolished this summer in order to make way for the Kelly Walsh High School expansion project, and will not be re-built at its current location. The City is in the process of locating a site for a future East side pool.

Additional information will be released when available.

Mike Sedar pool is in the process of being replaced this summer. A new pool at the same location will be reopened in the Spring of 2014.

Swimming lessons that have traditionally been offered at Mike Sedar Pool will be offered at Washington Park, Paradise Valley and Marion Kreiner Pools.

Any renovations or remodels of other city pools, including Marion Kreiner Pool and Washington Pool, will be considered by the City Council at a later date.

If you cannot wait until the summer months to splish splash in the water, be sure to visit the Casper Family Aquatics Center which is open all year long!

For more information about all the pools, log onto www.casperwy.gov, call 307-235-8383, or scan the QR Code.



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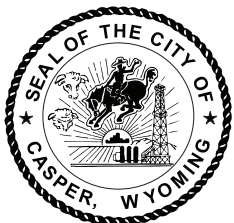
Have you ever needed information about the community and/or a disaster situation, but it wasn't quite an emergency? For example, during the Casper Mountain Fire, some people wanted information about evacuations.



For such situations, a great number to call is 2-1-1. This number can be used to gain awareness of services in the community, as well as information on employment, education, mental health issues, shelters, or food pantries. And you can call 24 hours a day! Here are a few more of the many things that Wyoming 2-1-1 can do for you:

- Language interpretation or translation services.
- Assists individuals on identifying and prioritizing their needs.
- Assist individuals you may have limited access to gaining services.
- Assist in disaster related questions and information.

If you would like to learn more about it, just call in at 2-1-1 or at 1-888-425-7138, go to Wyoming211.org, or scan the QR Code.



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