

Saluting Charles McKenzie for bravery

WHEREAS, a dangerous fire started at the Rosewood Club Apartments on September 7th, 2016; and

WHEREAS, firefighters arrived on site to combat the dangerous fire; and

WHEREAS, Charles McKenzie was one of the firefighters who entered the building to search for occupants; and

WHEREAS, Charles McKenzie entered into Unit 49 to drag a citizen out into the hallway when the fire hit a flash point, spiking to temperatures likely over 1000 degrees Fahrenheit; and

WHEREAS, the equipment Charles McKenzie was wearing is meant to withstand temperatures up to 300 degrees Fahrenheit; and

WHEREAS, the compromised equipment led to Charles McKenzie's body absorbing excess heat; and

WHEREAS, Charles McKenzie suffered injuries, including third-degree burns, that left him hospitalized at Harborview Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, despite his injuries, Charles McKenzie stayed in the burning room long enough to do a sweep of the apartment and check for other people who might need to be saved; and

WHEREAS, the bravery and sacrifice of our Charles McKenzie and all Spokane firefighters should be recognized;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Council of the City of Spokane that we hereby salute and honor Charles McKenzie for his service and dedication to the City of Spokane.

I, Ben Stuckart, Spokane City Council President,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this 24th day of October in 2016

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