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SADDLEBROOKE EMPLOYEE RECOGNIZED FOR BRAVERY

At the Governing Board meeting of the Golder Ranch Fire District yesterday, a SaddleBrooke employee was recognized for his bravery. Last month, Brandon Johnson, an employee of the Roadrunner Grill came to the aid of a fellow SaddleBrooke employee who had collapsed outside of the restaurant in cardiac arrest. Mr. Johnson immediately began CPR and utilizing an AED, was able to revive the fallen worker.

The following is the Special Recognition Award presented to Mr. Johnson by Fire Chief Randy Karrer:

On March 15, 2013 Golder Ranch Fire units from both SaddleBrooke Station 372 and 373 responded to a call at the SaddleBrooke Clubhouse for a man who had gone into cardiac arrest. Brandon Johnson is a long time employee working in food and beverage, and on March 15, 2013 he happened to be working at the Roadrunner Grill, in SaddleBrooke.

An employee at the golf shop in SaddleBrooke had been in to have lunch at the Roadrunner Grill. Their plan was then to head out and enjoy the afternoon by playing some golf. Shortly after leaving the Roadrunner Grill, they collapsed and was found in cardiac arrest right outside the restaurant in the golf cart parking lot, not breathing and unresponsive.

Brandon Johnson quickly responded to his aid and used the AED that is located directly inside the grill area. With the aid of another bystander, CPR was quickly initiated while Mr. Johnson prepared the AED and shocked the victim. Golder Ranch Fire District's Medic 373 arrived on scene shortly after, and took over resuscitation, and transported the pateint to the hospital.

Mr. Johnson's quick response and calm demeanor during this event is one to be recognized. The victim survived the incident and should be returning to work soon. The overall positive outcome of this situation would not have been possible without the quick, selfless, and caring actions that Mr. Brandon Johnson demonstrated.

Chief Karrer went on to say, "It is events such as these that demonstrate community education in CPR and the use of AEDs is not only successful, but vital."

Golder Ranch Fire District would like to encourage everyone to learn CPR. There are several local providers for this training, including Golder Ranch Fire which hosts three classes a month. For more information, please visit our website at www.grfdaz.gov.

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