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## CITIZEN HEROES, FIRST RESPONDERS RECOGNIZED FOR SAVING GIRL FROM DROWNING

During their June 6 meeting, the Burnsville City Council recognized four citizens with an “Award of Valor,” and seven first responders with a “Lifesaving Award” for their efforts last summer to save a young girl from drowning.

### Near Drowning

On June 11, 2016, 6-year-old Chloe was enjoying the pool area at The Woods apartment complex in Burnsville. It was a sunny, summer day, and the pool area was packed with both children and adults.

At around 7:45 p.m., Chloe approached the edge of the pool and accidentally fell into the deep end. With so much activity that evening, she was not immediately noticed.

Chloe sunk to the bottom, where she remained for more than five minutes. That’s when a group of unlikely heroes sprang into action.

### Chloe’s Heroes

Chloe’s first hero, 10-year old **Jo-Lan Evans**, noticed the girl not moving at the bottom of the pool. He began to alert others in the area.

Her next hero, 15-year-old **Jaqueline Montenegro**, quickly jumped in and pulled the girl to the surface.

While 9-1-1 was being called, two more heroes – **Ryan Quinn** and **Casey Gliem** jumped into action. Quinn took charge and the two started CPR – one doing chest compressions and the other giving mouth to mouth.

**Burnsville Police Officer Lauren Smith** was driving nearby the apartment complex when the 9-1-1 call came through, and she arrived within seconds of the call. She took over chest compressions. Minutes later, **Officer Jake Gribble** arrived and also did compressions. Quinn continued to administer rescue breaths until Burnsville paramedics arrived.

Once on scene, Burnsville paramedics determined that Chloe had a pulse. Rescue breathing was continued by **Sergeant Steve Stoler**, who had also arrived. Chloe was taken by ambulance to Fairview Ridges Hospital.

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First responders on scene were not initially optimistic about the pending outcome. The girl was underwater for some time – and did not appear to be responding well to lifesaving acts. However, to the sheer joy of all those who witnessed the event, they soon received word that Chloe had been revived. In fact, she was back to her old self before the end of the day.

Since then, Chloe has returned to her normal life – school, family friends. Without the quick action of Chloe’s heroes, the outcome may have been much different.

### Awards

To recognize the heroic acts of those who saved the young girl’s life, the Burnsville City Council presented an “Award of Valor” to:

- Jo-Lan Evans
- Jaqueline Montenegro
- Ryan Quinn
- Casey Gliem

In addition, the following police officers and paramedics were presented a “Lifesaving Award.”

- Officer Lauren Smith
- Officer Jake Gribble
- Sergeant Steve Stoler
- Former Fire Captain Rick Steinhaus
- Former Firefighter Paramedic Andrew Hamlin
- Firefighter/Paramedic Andrain Roach
- Firefighter/Paramedic Jayson Knutson



Chloe (*front row in pink*) with the Burnsville City Council and both the citizen and first-responder heroes who saved her life during the June 6 Burnsville City Council Meeting – Part of I Love Burnsville Week. (*High-Res Photo Available Upon Request*)

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# It Only Takes a Moment



**Anyone watching children who are in, on or around water must understand that drowning happens quickly and suddenly. Any source of water is a potential drowning hazard, especially for young children and weak swimmers.**

## Understand the risks.

- Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related death for children ages 1 to 14 years.
- Drowning usually happens quickly and silently—many children who drown in home pools were out of sight for less than 5 minutes and in the care of one or both parents at the time.\*
- The place where drowning is likely to occur changes with age:
  - Children under 1 year most often drown in bath tubs, buckets or toilets.
  - Children ages 1 to 4 years most often drown in home pools.
  - Older children most often drown in natural water settings.\*
- Know the water hazards in your community and make sure children stay away. These hazards could include—
  - Drainage ditches.
  - Garden ponds.
  - Creeks and streams.
  - Wells and cisterns.
  - Canals.

## Maintain constant supervision.

- Maintain constant supervision of children whenever around water.
- Avoid distractions when supervising children around water.
- Have children or inexperienced swimmers wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket around water, but do not rely on life jackets alone—always maintain constant supervision!
- Block access to unguarded, non-designated swimming areas.
- Alcohol and water do not mix. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance and coordination; affects swimming and diving skills; and reduces the body's ability to stay warm.

## Know how to respond to an aquatic emergency.

- If a child is missing, check the water first. Seconds count in preventing death or disability.
- Know how and when to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number.
- Enroll in Red Cross water safety, first aid and CPR courses to learn what to do. Insist that babysitters, grandparents and others who care for children know these lifesaving skills.

*\*Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

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**For more information or to enroll in Swimming and Water Safety courses, contact your local Red Cross chapter.**

