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Stockton Fire Department to Recognize Community Heroes

(Stockton, CA) – On Wednesday, March 9, at 10:00 a.m., the Stockton Fire Department will commend two community heroes who provided assistance to an accident victim. A recognition ceremony will be held in honor of Benjamin Robertson and Rita Davis at Stockton Fire Company No. 4, 5525 Pacific Avenue, located next to Delta College.

“These two members of the community did what very few people are willing to do, putting themselves in harm’s way and coming to the aid of a complete stranger,” said Chief Erik Newman. “Had they not acted and rescued an accident victim, he surely would have sustained greater injuries or worse. We want to thank and honor them for their unselfish and heroic actions.”

On Friday, December 4, 2015, a vehicle with one occupant collided with a light pole in the 200 block of E. Swain Road, causing damage to the car and an engine fire that was spreading to the passenger compartment. Mr. Robertson and Ms. Davis stopped to help, assisting the accident victim out of the car and to a grassy area 25-feet away, until Company 4 arrived to address his injuries and extinguish the fire. The driver escaped a more serious outcome, due to the actions of these community heroes.

Family, friends and members of the community are welcome to attend this recognition ceremony. Light refreshments will follow the ceremony.

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