



# City of Chicago



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<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Sergeant Michael Cavanaugh, Officer Michael Bunyon, Officer Ryan Krolikowski, Officer Ivan Romo, Officer Eric Wicencyjusz and Officer Michael Guzman for life-saving actions
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, The 100 Club of Chicago has honored six courageous members of the Chicago Police Department with its 2016 Valor Award in recognition of their heroism in connection with the <sup>SAVING</sup> ~~extradition~~ of a motorist and two passengers from a burning car on the West Side; and

**WHEREAS**, The 100 Club of Chicago established the Valor Award in 1980 to be presented annually to those "police officers, firefighters and paramedics who, by their actions, performed above and beyond the call of duty and in the highest tradition of their respective departments,"; and

**WHEREAS**, Shortly before 11p.m. on December 7, 2015, Chicago police Officers Ryan Krolikowski and Eric Wicencyjusz observed a vehicle travelling westbound on Garfield Boulevard at a high rate of speed; and

**WHEREAS**, The driver of the vehicle lost control and crashed into a light pole violently tossing the vehicle into the air and causing it to land on the sidewalk; and

**WHEREAS**, Both Officers Krolikowski and Wicencyjusz arrived on the scene and observed the vehicle with heavy smoke coming from the engine bay; and

**WHEREAS**, The two officers immediately requested assistance for additional units, and the following Chicago Police Officers arrived on the scene to render aid: Sergeant Michael Cavanaugh and Officers Michael Bunyon, Ivan Romo and Michael Guzman; and

**WHEREAS**, The responding officers approached the vehicle as flames and heavy smoke filled the car, and Officers Krolikowski, Wicencyjusz, Bunyon and Romo immediately removed the unconscious motorist who had suffered a broken femur during the collision; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Cavanaugh instructed the officers to cut the airbags and search for additional victims upon which they discovered a second unconscious victim in the back seat; and

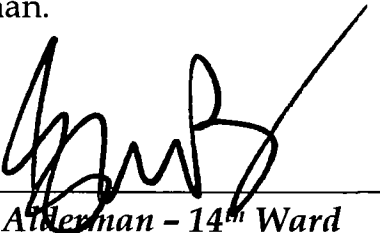
**WHEREAS,** The officers worked as a team and pulled the rear driver's side door numerous times causing it to break from the vehicle and the second victim was safely pulled from harms way; and

**WHEREAS,** Sergeant Cavanaugh made one final attempt to check for additional victims and discovered a third victim lying unconscious against the front door, Officers Guzman and Bunyon pulled the victim out; and

**WHEREAS,** The three victims of the vehicle crash were taken to Cook County Stroger Hospital where life saving techniques were administered and all three occupants survived; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this eighteenth day of May, 2016, do hereby commend the six members of the Chicago Police Department for their courage, selflessness, and dedication to public safety and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Sergeant Michael Cavanaugh, Officer Michael Bunyon, Officer Ryan Krolikowski, Officer Ivan Romo, Officer Eric Wicencyjusz and Officer Michael Guzman.



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Alderman - 14<sup>th</sup> Ward