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Officer receives lifesaving award

JOHNSTON, Iowa – The Johnston Police Department is proud to award Officer Naidenoff with a lifesaving award for his heroic measures performed on March 9, 2022. He was recognized to receive the award during the City Council meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022.

“Without Officer Naidenoff’s fast response, high-quality CPR, administration of NARCAN, and ability to multitask, the individual likely would not have survived,” said Police Lieutenant Steve Nore. “Because of his calm and conscientious efforts, a Johnston resident is alive today, and we thank him for a job well done.”

On March 9, 2022, a call for service was received from a residence in Johnston on reports of a medical emergency for an unconscious female in cardiac arrest. Officer Naidenoff responded and was the first officer to arrive on the scene. The patient’s friends were in the room with her and informed Officer Naidenoff that it was due to a possible opiate overdose. He quickly began high-quality CPR while simultaneously instructing the witnesses to prepare the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Officer Naidenoff then asked the witness to open his NARCAN package. He then administered his NARCAN to the patient, and shortly after, medics from the Johnston-Grimes Metropolitan Fire Department arrived to provide advanced life support. The patient regained consciousness, was transported to the hospital, and ultimately recovered. She is alive today, thanks in part to the coordinated efforts of Officer Naidenoff.

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