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FIRE CHIEF RECOGNIZES HEROISM OF TWO CIVILIANS

The fire chief recognized two emergency medical technicians from Care Ambulance today for heroism exhibited at a recent structure fire. The fire occurred at a Buddhist temple in the 12400 block of Euclid Street on November 14, 2016 shortly before 10:00 p.m. It took fire fighters about 10 minutes to contain the fire that caused approximately \$225,000 in damages and displaced six. The two EMTs, Micah Gonzales and Erick Padilla, were assigned to one of the three assigned ambulances in the City, and were transporting a patient to the hospital at the time. During their transport, they came across the fire and requested fire department response. Padilla stayed in the ambulance with his patient and communicated with his dispatch while Gonzales checked to see if everyone was out. It was during his investigation that he found an elderly male that was trapped in a back room. Gonzales broke the window and forced his way in. He was able to get the man out through the window. Gonzales had minor smoke inhalation and the man had no injury.

Chief Schultz presented the two with the fire chief's coin of merit today. During the presentation, he said, "The residents of Garden Grove are fortunate to have people like Gonzales and Padilla who go above and beyond what is expected of them to help others." The coin has only been given to a few people that have demonstrated exemplary action to help others in the community.

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