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CITIZEN LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Joe Lalonde
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On May 6th, 2013 at 2046, you heard over your scanner that there was a drowning victim at Whatcom Falls Park. Living so close to the park you knew you could get there before any emergency personnel. Once on scene you were directed to a waterfall and pool above the bridge near the fish hatchery where you proceeded to wade into the creek to search for the male.

You began swimming the creek, feeling under the water in an attempt to find the male, you found the male just as the Bellingham Fire Department arrived. You brought the male to the surface, but were unable to pull him out of the current without assistance.

Joe, your quick actions and willingness to help find a young man gone missing in the cold water of Whatcom Falls showed great courage and determination, we commend you for your heroic efforts.

Because of your actions, you are hereby awarded the Department's Citizen Commendation Letter.

Sincerely,

Clifford R. Cook
Chief of Police

