To: Contra Costa County Fire Protection District Board of Directors
From: Jeff Carman, Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

Contra Costa County

Date: March 12, 2019

Subject: Presentation of Carnegie Heroes Award to Antioch Citizen Samantha Olive Barnhouse

## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

PRESENTATION of Carnegie Heroes Award to Antioch Citizen Samantha Olive Barnhouse.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact.

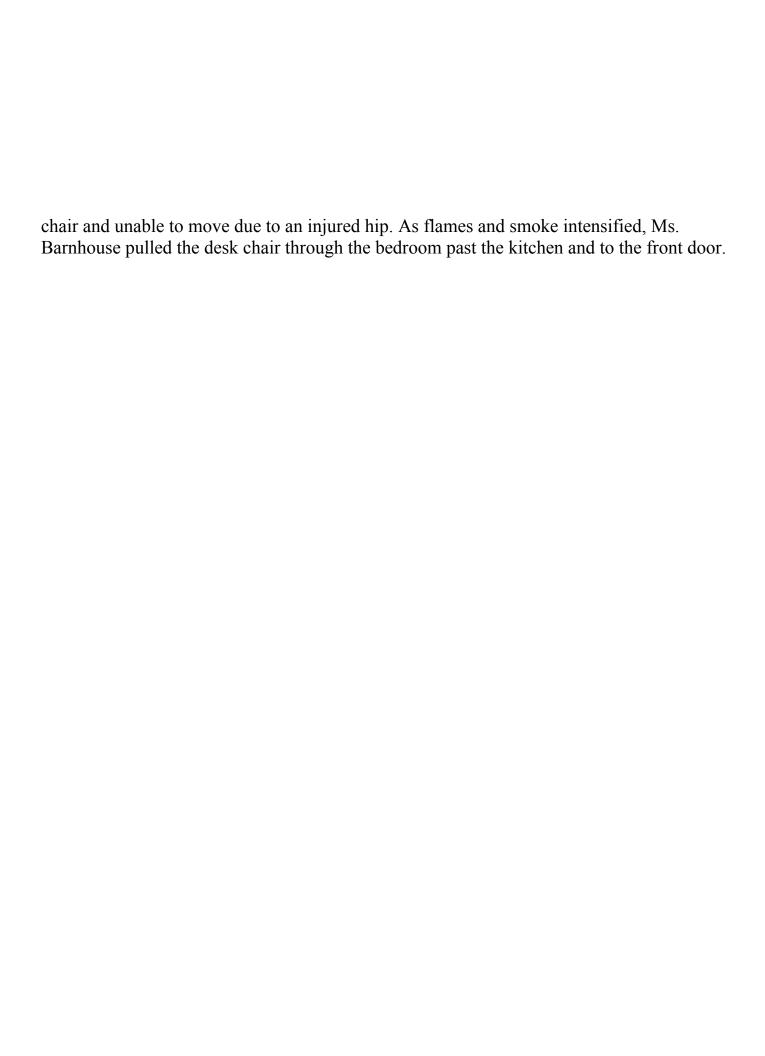
## **BACKGROUND:**

The Carnegie Heroes Award is presented to civilians who risk their lives to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the lives of others. In 2018, eighteen people were named Carnegie Heroes and three lost their lives attempting to save others.

Samantha Olive Barnhouse, 37, saved 78 year-old Lobis Burton from a burning house on February 17, 2018, in Antioch, California. Alerted to the fire, Ms. Barnhouse, who lived across the street from Mr. Burton's apartment building, entered his apartment. She moved past the burning kitchen to reach Mr.Burton who was sitting in a bedroom in a wheeled desk

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Action of Board On: 03/12/2019 APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED OTHER		
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VOTE OF SUPERVISORS		
AYE: ABSENT:	John Gioia, Director Candace Andersen, Director Karen Mitchoff, Director Federal D. Glover, Director Diane Burgis, Director	I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.  ATTESTED: March 12, 2019  David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Contact:	Jeff Carman, Fire Chief	By: June McHuen, Deputy

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## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

The chair became stuck and Ms. Barnhouse pulled it free causing herself and and Mr. Burton to fall outside beneath flames issuing overhead through the doorway. Within a minute, the apartment's windows shattered due to the heat. Mr. Burton was hospitalized for smoke inhalation and a broken hip, but he was not burned. Ms. Barnhouse was treated at the hospital for smoke inhalation and subsequently recovered.

The Fire District is honored to present Samantha Olive Barnhouse with the Carnegie Medal for risking her life while rescuing Lobis Burton from his burning apartment.