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The City of Osage Beach Recognizes Youth Tributes to Fallen Officer Phylcia Carson

Osage Beach, Mo. –

Three outstanding young citizens were recognized for their tributes to fallen Osage Beach Police Officer Phylcia Carson by the City of Osage Beach and the Osage Beach Police Department during the Board of Aldermen meeting on Oct. 3, 2024 at City Hall.

City officials thanked 19-year-old Ashlyn White for penning an original poem honoring Officer Carson that was read at the vigil following Carson's death.

"The City of Osage Beach would like to thank you for writing such a beautiful poem for Officer Phylcia Carson," said City Administrator Devin Lake. "Your thoughtfulness and generosity made a difference in the lives of many in a time of sorrow."

14-year-old Lailah Bean and 10-year-old Bella Bean designed two 'End of Watch' badges proudly displayed on the city and police department's social media. "I don't think you realize the impact you made. Those images are nationwide. It's made a difference in our organization," said Lake.

All three ladies received a certificate and gift bag from Lake and a keepsake memorial band from Chief Todd Davis.

Officer Carson was killed in a vehicle crash on Aug. 31, 2024, while responding to assist fellow officers in a pursuit. She leaves behind her husband and six children.

****Photo assets including the poem and badges are available via [Dropbox](#).**

*****Watch the presentation on [our YouTube channel](#).**

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The City of Osage Beach Recognizes Local Tributes to Fallen Officer Phylicia Carson

In Memory of Osage Beach Officer Phylicia Carson

In the heart of the city, where justice prevails,
There once stood a beacon, through rain and through hail.
Her name Phylicia, Officer Carson to most,
A guardian of peace, her devotion our boast.

With a smile that could brighten the darkest of days,
She brought light to City Hall in so many ways.
Her laughter, infectious, would dance through the air,
Spreading joy and warmth, a presence so rare.

She loved her badge, her duty, her call.
She stood for the people, protecting us all.
In the blue she wore proudly, she'd answer the need,
A hero at heart, in both word and deed.

But fate dealt a hand that was cruel, unfair,
On a day when the sirens pierced through the air.
In pursuit of justice, she gave her last breath.
But her spirit lives on, untouched by death.

For Phylicia Carson, in our hearts you'll stay,
A legacy of love that will never fade away.
Though you've left this world, your memory won't part,
For you've etched your name deep in every heart.

We'll remember the joy, the laughter you brought,
The courage you showed, the battles you fought.
Rest now, dear officer, your duty is done.
In the light of the stars, your journey's begun.



Ashlyn White



Lailah Bean



Bella Bean