



To: Scott Niehaus, Village Manager

From: Frank Gallione, Fire Lieutenant

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Subject: Life Saving Award

The Lombard fire Department will be honoring several fire department members and bystanders for their life saving efforts on two emergency calls that happened on February 6th of this year. We will be presenting the American Heart Association Heart Saver Hero Award as well the Lombard Fire Department Excellence in Cardiac Care pin. The Lombard Fire Department would like to recognize the efforts of several individuals that came to the aid of two stricken victims of sudden cardiac events that could have been fatal if not for their willingness to help.

On the morning of February 6th, 2017 at 1107 hours the Lombard Fire Department responded to XSport Fitness on Roosevelt Rd. for the 60 year old male that collapsed while on the treadmill. En route to the scene paramedics were advised by dispatch that the victim was in cardiac arrest, CPR had been started and an AED had been applied. Upon arrival on scene the fire department crews found the victim with CPR in progress from bystanders and XSport staff. The AED advised a shock was needed and bystanders administered one shock to the victim. The paramedics took over patient care and transported the patient to Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove. Due to the actions and willingness to provide CPR and use the AED, the patient survived his sudden cardiac arrest, has made a full recovery and is well today! The bystanders at XSport Fitness were Steve Herbert (manager), Bill Clemens (fitness trainer), Wendy Tomnitz (fitness trainer) and Ted Marcos (off duty Broadview Fire). The Lombard Fire Department personnel were Firefighter/Paramedics Johannes Markschat, Alex Putz, Bill Klein, Adam Kruckenberg and Lt. Mark Laffrey.

Approximately one hour later the fire department responded to the Lombard Police station for a visitor that collapsed and went into cardiac arrest. Officers provided CPR and applied an AED which provided two shocks to the victim prior to Fire and EMS unit's arrival on scene. At the time of the second cardiac arrest call, all Lombard Fire Department ambulances were out on previous

emergency calls and a mutual aid ambulance was dispatched from York Center Fire District along with Lombard Engine 44 and Battalion 44. Upon arrival on scene Engine 44's Firefighter/ Paramedics Bill Klein, Adam Kruckenberg and Lt. Mark Laffrey, along with Acting Battalion Chief Lt. Mike Heimbecker and Fire Marshal Chuck Riforgiate took over patient care. York Center Fire District Paramedics Michael Mast and Nolan Funk arrived on scene, assisted with patient care and transported the patient to Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove. (Please note that the police officers that provided CPR and AED are unable to be identified due to their undercover status, however they will also receive the Heart Saver Hero Award privately). Once again the actions of bystanders and both Lombard and York Center fire personnel resulted in the patient surviving his sudden cardiac event, making a full recovery and being well today!

In closing, I would like to point out that both patients survived their sudden cardiac arrest due to bystander CPR/AED along with continued advanced life support care by fire department paramedics. Due to the willingness to help and provide CPR/AED, the bystanders gave both patients a greater chance of survival and demonstrate how valuable learning CPR and how to use and AED in emergencies is.

Respectfully submitted,

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