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Commendation Awards presented to Firemedics after cardiac arrest save

On May 21st, 2015, at the regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting of the Countryside Fire Protection District, Lieutenant Russ Bach, Firemedics Pat Michelau, Jessica Gregurich, Colin Murray, and Firefighter/EMT Adam Walovitch were each presented with an individual commendation for their life-saving efforts during a rescue call on April 18th, 2015.

At 2:07 PM on April 18th, 2015, Ambulance 411 and Engine 411 were dispatched for a pt. experiencing chest pain in unincorporated Mundelein. While units were responding, 911 dispatchers relayed that the patient had collapsed and was no longer breathing. CPR instructions were given to the caller by the dispatcher and citizen CPR was initiated. Within 5 minutes of the initial 911 call, the ambulance crew arrived and was faced with an unconscious patient in cardiac arrest with citizen CPR being performed. The paramedics continued CPR and readied the defibrillator as the engine crew arrived with additional paramedics. During the crew's delivery of advanced life support care, the patient regained a pulse. The patient was transported in critical condition to Advocate Condell Medical Center where definitive care was delivered by the Emergency Room staff, ultimately leading to this patient's survival.

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This is an incredible example of the entire emergency care system working together and saving a patient's life. From the initial 911 call, to an EMD trained 911 telecommunicator delivering CPR instructions to the caller, CPR and defibrillations happening early by paramedics, and rapid transport to a cardiac catheterization lab equipped hospital allowed this patient to walk out of the hospital a few days later. The quick and decisive actions of the crews of Ambulance and Engine 411 were instrumental in the survival of the patient, and therefore the Individual Commendation Award has been presented.

Safety Message: Learn CPR! High quality CPR delivered as quickly as possible after a person goes into cardiac arrest is a key factor in the cardiac arrest patient's outcome. CPR & AED classes are offered monthly at Countryside Fire Protection District. Visit www.countrysidefire.com for more information.

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