

To: Michael Torrence, Fire Chief

From: Paul DiRienzo, Lieutenant/EMS Coordinator

Date: February 7, 2011

RE: Incident of December 6, 2010

On December 6, 2010, at 0813 hours, the Lombard Police and Fire Departments responded for the report of an unconscious male at the Glass Courts Fitness Club at 830 E. Roosevelt. Upon arrival of the Lombard Fire Department, Police Officers Scott Frieling, Joseph Wagner, and Scott Klecka were attending to an unconscious male patient.

Officer Klecka began CPR and Officers Wagner and Frieling applied the AED unit. One shock was received from the AED unit and CPR was continued by the Officers. Care was then transferred to the Lombard Fire Department paramedics. Advanced life support procedures were followed, including continued CPR, cardiac medications, IV placement, endotracheal intubation, and several cardiac defibrillations. The patient regained a measurable pulse, blood pressure and spontaneous respirations.

The patient was transported with Advanced Life Support measures to Good Samaritan Hospital in stable but critical condition. The patient was transferred to waiting ER physicians and taken to their Cardiac Cath Lab in under 60 minutes total from time of call.

It should be noted the patient suffered a fracture to the 3rd and 4th cervical spine vertebrae when he fell during the original cardiac arrest. Furthermore, the doctors from GSH complimented the entire crew for treating this patient with a "High Index of Suspicion" for a cervical spine injury. If these actions had not been taken, the patient may have been resuscitated, but left in a paralyzed condition for the remainder of his life.

I feel the actions of our Police officers and Fire personnel have played a significant role in the positive outcome of this patient. For this reason, I would like the following personnel to be awarded the "Excellence in Cardiac Care" award.

Lombard Police Officers: Scott Klecka, Joseph Wagner, and Scott Frieling

Lombard Fire Department personnel: Lt. Brian Stuart, firefighter/paramedics Anthony Goodman, Paul Jakusz, Alex Johnson, Anthony Sally, Joseph Shark, and EMT Scott Marshall.

The patient, Robert Bianco, stated he would like to be able to present the “Cardiac Heart” pins in person. We would like to have this item placed on the agenda for the February 17th Village Board meeting. If you need any further information, please call.

Thank You,

Lt. Paul DiRienzo