

CARDIAC CARE AWARD

The Cardiac Care Award is bestowed to Police Officers James Kohl, Bruce Bradford and Thomas McElroy.

Engine 45 Personnel: Lt. Paramedic Marty Coomes, Firefighter/Paramedics Michael Heimbecker, Daniel Ekhart and Gabriel Suto. Medic 65 Personnel: Firefighter/Paramedics Christopher Wilmot and Michael Ringa.

On November 21, 2009, Engine 45 and Medic 65 responded to 9 Park Ct. for a witnessed full arrest. Lombard Police Officers on the scene confirmed a patient in full arrest. The Police Officers placed the patient on the floor and began Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). The officers were ready to apply an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) on the patient when Engine 45 and Medic 65 took over patient care. Upon assessment, a 57 year old male with agonal respirations and no pulse was found. Per the wife on the scene, her husband stated he wasn't feeling well and went to lie down and suddenly became unresponsive. She then called 9-1-1.

Engine 45's crew began CPR while the Medics set up the Cardiac Monitor for defibrillation. The patient's initial rhythm was Ventricular Fibrillation, shortly after one shock, the patient converted to a Normal Sinus Rhythm. Advanced Life Support (ALS) treatment was continued en route to Good Samaritan Hospital.

According to Good Samaritan Hospital, the patient continued to respond to treatment and was expected to make a full recovery. Recently we communicated with him and he is doing well and attending cardiac rehab. He expects to return to work in early February.

The actions of our Police officers and Fire personnel played a significant role in the positive outcome of our Lombard resident. For this reason the responding personnel will be awarded the "Excellence in Cardiac Care" award.