



To: Chief Paul DiRienzo

From: Lieutenant Frank Gallione, EMS Officer

Date: November 11, 2013

Subject: Cardiac Arrest Save October 23, 2013

On October 23rd 2013 at 2129 hours, the Fire Department responded to a possible Cardiac Arrest at 548 N. Clarendon. The responding units were Medic 64, Firefighter/Paramedics Dale Farris and Nick Soprano, and assisted by Engine 45, Lt. Al Greene, Firefighter/Paramedics Galen Cardott, Mark Laffrey and Tim Hillesheim. Upon arrival, they found a 68 year old male patient, Mr. Ronald Barger, in full cardiorespiratory arrest with his wife performing chest compressions. Mrs. Barger received CPR instruction from DuComm Telecommunicator Tiffany Bury over the phone.

The crews took over and started advanced life support care. They quickly established the patient was in V-fib on the cardiac monitor and administered 1 shock and continued with CPR, endotracheal intubation, and IV therapy. Within three minutes after the initial cardiac rhythm and shock, the patient converted to a normal sinus rhythm with pulses and began to breathe on his own. Following their SOPs, the crews continued with advanced life support care; including ROSC cooling procedures and administration of Amiodarone. The patient was transported to Elmhurst Memorial Hospital, where he was evaluated and received a stent in one coronary artery and also an implanted defibrillator/pacemaker. Mr. Barger was discharged home from the hospital on Monday October 28th without any further complications and is recovering well.

I believe the actions of the crews, as well as the 911 Telecommunicator, gave Mr. Barger every chance for survival of his sudden cardiac event. The Firefighter/Paramedics on this call demonstrated a very high level of patient care, knowledge, and professionalism. Their actions, treatments, and skills made the difference in the patient's great outcome. I would like to commend each member and award them the Lombard Fire Department Heart Pin for excellence in cardiac care. In speaking with Mrs. Anne Barger, the patient's wife, the Barger Family is grateful and appreciative of the Lombard Fire Department's members that responded and saved her husband's life on October 23rd. It is my desire to present the heart pins to the crews at the upcoming village board meeting on November 21st with Mr. Barger and his family participating.



To: Tim Sexton, Acting Village Manager

From: Paul DiRienzo, Fire Chief

Date: November 12, 2013

Subject: Board Meeting Agenda Item

Please find the attached Memo from Lieutenant Frank Gallione regarding a recent Cardiac Save on October 23, 2013.

With your approval, Lieutenant Gallione is requesting to acknowledge the on-duty crews with Heart Pins. The patient and his family will also be in attendance at the Village Board Meeting.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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