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EMS Commendation

Somers Fire/Rescue – April 26, 2016

When the United Hospital EMS Team began this program of commendation for our system's responders participating in a successful resuscitation of a cardiac arrest victim some were skeptical. Most police officers, firefighters, and EMTs resist the proverbial spotlight. They go into this line of work not for praise or public recognition but instead to better their communities, help people at their most vulnerable, and then fade into the background.

Every so often, though, I'm sure you would all agree, it is important that we actually show appreciation, prove our admiration, and support these men and women in the way they deserve.

On the evening of March 12th, 2016 some of these same providers responded to a call for a man down. As the ambulance and engine companies arrived they initiated life-saving interventions that ultimately saved a 33-year-old man. And although each of the rescuers will minimize their individual roles, it was their collective effort resulting in this person walking and talking today. He can participate in family activities, enjoy his friends, perform work duties, and simply experience the world.

Along with Chief Wilkinson and the UHS EMS Team, as the Kenosha County EMS Medical Director, it makes me so very proud to recognize the following members of the Somers Fire Department, and to commend each for their dedication and exemplary service to their community.

FF/EMT I – Ben Anderson, Crew Chief
FF Lucas Mason
FF/EMT B – Joshua Olson
FF/EMT B – Dan Quintanilla
FF/EMT I – Jason Sinnen
FF/EMT I – John McMahon
LT Ryan Nelson
Captain Aaron Strom

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