



Harrisville Fire District

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Harrisville Fire District
Operating Committee
C/o Ronald Slocum, Chairman
115 Central St
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September 14, 2017

Dear Mr. Slocum,

On September 3rd, 2017 at 10:28 am, Rescue 2 was dispatched to 425 East Avenue, the Levy Rink for a male with difficulty breathing and chest pain. Our on-duty personnel consisted of EMT/FF Shane Mansolf and per diem FF/EMT Shawn Howland.

Rescue 2 responded at 10:29 am, arrived on scene at 10:34 am and arrived at the patient's side at 10:38 am. The crew was presented with a 50-year-old male in obvious distress, the duty crew performed a rapid evaluation and determined that additional help was needed to manage care for this patient. A re-tone for additional EMT's was requested bringing Chief Mark St. Pierre and Deputy Chief Michael Gingell to the scene. Simultaneously, the patient was packaged and brought to the rescue for further evaluation and treatment. The patient was placed on the 12-lead EKG monitor and it was immediately determined that the patient was having an acute anterior wall myocardial infarction (Heart Attack). The crew also immediately initiated medication administration as per protocol to begin the process of hopefully reversing the heart attack. Rescue 2 began to transport at 10:50 am. During treatment of this patient, it was identified that the patient went into cardiac arrest, did not have a pulse and stopped breathing. Rescue 2 requested assistance from Nasonville EMS due to the location of where they were when this event began. CPR was initiated by Mansolf and Howland, a shock was administered shortly thereafter and the patient was able to regain an organized heart rhythm, a pulse, and began to breathe on his own. This event last for no more than 3 minutes. The hospital was notified as to events that were happening and were awaiting the patient's arrival. Upon arrival to the emergency room, the patient was sitting up, speaking with the EMT's and his vitals were stabilized through additional care provided.

I am bringing this call to your attention for a few reasons. One, to recognize the outstanding job and quick thinking on behalf of all involved. Two, I strongly believe that the staffing and equipment that we have at our disposal is exceptional. And finally, the constant training and quality assurance that is performed pays off in the end.

This patient was discharged home 2-3 days following his cardiac arrest with zero deficits. On December 13, 2017 at 1:00 pm, these EMT's will be recognized for a job well done and awarded the "EMS Pride Award" during the RI Ambulance Advisory Board Meeting. I am extending the invitation to all Operating Board Members to attend this quick ceremony. On behalf of the EMS division of the Harrisville Fire Department, I would like to thank you all for your continued support so we can continue to perform our job and remain "Loyal to our Duty".

Respectfully Submitted,

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EMS Captain
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Cc: Chief Mark A. St. Pierre
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Chief Joe Bourquin, NFD