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## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## Good News #27 2020.03.01 - Co.42 Deale Medic 42

### NORTH BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

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March 1, 2020

Fire Chief Trisha Wolford  
Anne Arundel County Fire Department  
8501 Veterans Highway, Millersville, MD 21108

Dear Chief Wolford,

I am writing to offer a letter of commendation to formally recognize Firefighter/Paramedic Matt Marsiglia, paramedic in charge of AACO Medic 42, for his actions on the evening of August 15, 2019.

The North Beach Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to 9000 Bay Avenue for a cardiac arrest on the evening of Thursday, August 15, 2019. Medic 42 was dispatched to the incident after it was determined no CALS units were available.

Upon arrival, crews encountered an adult male in cardiac arrest. They initiated CPR and maintained high performance CPR until the arrival of Medic 42. CPR had been in progress for nearly thirty minutes when Medic 42 arrived.

Firefighter/Paramedic Marsiglia was briefed on the situation and determined it was appropriate to initiate advanced care and interventions as the patient had shown occasional signs of viability prior to the medic unit's arrival. This is the first point of commendation I would like to bring to your attention. Even though Firefighter/Paramedic Marsiglia's assessment revealed no signs of life, he proceeded to aggressively intervene to give the patient every chance of survival. His actions are very meaningful to me as the victim was a close personal friend of mine (a fact unknown to FF/PM Marsiglia).

The second point of commendation relates to FF/PM Marsiglia's on scene conduct. Even though he was the only ALS provider on scene, he calmly and methodically employed every available intervention and gave direction to the EMTs and first responders on scene. FF/PM Marsiglia's efforts delivered an additional 20 minutes of care to the patient with all hope of revival. Unfortunately, the patient did not respond favorably and orders were given by the hospital to cease efforts.

Outcome aside, I do believe it noteworthy to call the actions of FF/PM Matt Marsiglia to your attention. His command presence was exceptional, his empathy and sympathy for the patient and the patient's family was inspiring and the overall example he set as a lifesaver was superb.

Sincerely,  
Thomas C. Mills  
Fire Chief North Beach Volunteer Fire Department



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## **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Good News #28 2020.03.02 Co.11 Orchard Beach Medic 11**

To: [firechief@aacounty.org](mailto:firechief@aacounty.org)

Date: Monday, March 2, 2020

Subject: My experience with AACO fire dept.

Hi! My name is Megan and at about 12:20pm today (3-2-2020) I was experiencing anaphylactic shock due to taking Bactrim. My husband called 9-11 and a few EMTs had arrived at my home at Ravenwood Dr. Glen Burnie, MD.

I'm sorry I don't know all of the ones that helped. I do, however know Brooke and Mike took such great care of me. When they needed to administer the epinephrine, Brooke helped me to get as comfortable as I could. They both were always offering me blankets and were just very good with their bedside manner. I'm always nervous when I'm not in control of a situation and they both made me feel so comfortable being in their care.

They both stayed with me until I was able to get a room at BWMC. I don't know the protocol, but I felt that they went above and beyond any expectations. I'm truly grateful to have had them with me. Thank you for your service!

Megan  
Ravenwood Dr.  
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

*Medic 11  
FF/PM Brooke Eschbach  
FFII Michael Wangdahl*





## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

### Good News #29 2020.03.10 - Co.3 Riva & Co.7 Arundel

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Fm: Lt. N. Patrick Kinnier #1364

To: Fire Chief Trisha Wolford, Dr. Jonathan Wendell, BC Robert Vaccaro, BC Dennis Porter, BC Michael Ladd, Captain Joe Cvach

Good afternoon! I am amazed at the performance of our crews and attached the details in a document. This call affected one of our County Police brethren and the crews did a fantastic job!

On March 10, 2020, I was starting the day at the County Police Academy when one of my instructors approached me about a call for service that M3, A79 and E73 responded to. The location was Kilkenny Ct, Davidsonville, MD 21035. This particular call was at his home and was for an allergic reaction. The patient was his two year old son. The County Police Officer's name is PFC [REDACTED].

He was home with his children on Friday evening when his son began experiencing allergic/ anaphylactic symptoms after eating a cashew. PFC reported that the crews that responded to his home were "outstanding" and "went above and beyond" to care for his son. His wife was working that evening and he had no one else to stay with his other child. Crews on scene "didn't miss a beat" in volunteering to stay until someone arrived to take over care. He was extremely pleased with the service he received from our crews. This was the level of care provided by the responding crews, despite the fact that PFC never identified himself as police. I am very proud of the job that everyone on location did to help!

PFC had provided a lecture earlier in the week relating to customer service and how citizens we come in contact with will always remember how they were treated and the importance of professionalism in public service. In this case, as is true for nearly all of our providers we left a positive and memorable impression on one of our law enforcement family!

To the crews that responded and did a remarkable job, I say "Job well done! Keep up the great work! Your efforts do not go unnoticed."

#### Medic 3

FF/PM Valerie Haines  
FFII Daniel Diaz

#### Engine 3

Lieutenant Amy Kernan  
FFIII Randy Lovelady  
FFII Thomas Krueger

#### Ambulance 79

FFII Jordan Miles  
AT Theresa Vogelpohl-Baxter



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## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Good News #30 2020.03.17 - Co.30 Armiger Medic-30

Medic 30  
FFPM Ryan Armour  
FFII Christopher Ryan

Dear Sirs, Hi!

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, at around 6pm, you a call to my apartment, after I had taken a fall.

The men that responded (Ryan & Chris) were very kind & caring and I just wanted to write to say "Thank You" and tell you how much I truly appreciate their compassion.

I pray for the safety of the firefighters & policemen every nig in my prayers.

Thank you so much again

God Bless You All



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## **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Good News #31 2020.03.23 - Community Outreach / Recruitment**



**CITY OF HARRISONBURG  
FIRE  
DEPARTMENT**

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March 23, 2020

Fire Chief Trisha Wolford  
Anne Arundel County Fire Department  
8510 Veterans Highway Millersville, MD 21108

Chief Wolford,

The Harrisonburg Fire Department would like to take this opportunity to extend our most sincere gratitude for allowing Captain Erik Kornmeyer to assist with the recent promotional process in our Department. In the unprecedented times we are witnessing, ensuring continuity of succession planning is perhaps even more essential.

Captain Kornmeyer's contribution to our process was simply outstanding. It is my sincere hope that you will please transmit our appreciation for their participation down the chain of command and that this letter will become a part of their file for consideration during an annual performance appraisal.

It goes without saying that we are in your debt and stand ready to assist in the future. Please do not hesitate to call on us anytime for assistance in whatever form it is needed. Please be careful as you continue to provide for the safety of your community during this time of national consequence.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Tobia,  
Deputy Fire Chief





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## **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Good News #32 2020.03.23 - Co.1 Galesville Medic 1**

Monday, March 23, 2020

A message from Kirsten via Facebook.

I want to give absolutely massive commendation to the Paramedic that took me to the ER yesterday. I was taken to AAMC by the Galesville FD. Forgive me as I'm bad with names, but I will never forget his face or that medic. He deserves a medal for what he put up with to keep me sane.

The driver was really nice too! I just didn't interact with him much. The medic that rode in the back, he is something special. If every ambo had someone like him, the world would be a better place. Thank you all for working so hard even with the risk of COVID. Don't know what we would do without you all. Thank you again! Stay safe and healthy.

Call was MU1 at 11:53am  
FFIII Jeffra Gellert  
FFIII Dave Gurney