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Recently, Captain Jeff Halpern of our Fire and Explosives Investigation Unit submitted, Lieutenant / Arson Investigator Jennifer Macalliar to the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission for the Gregory Cole Award for Inspirational Instruction.

Yesterday, in a surprise ceremony Lt. Macalliar received the Gregory Cole Award for her inspirational and motivational instruction. Chief Wolford and The Anne Arundel County Fire Department would like to congratulate Lt. J. Macallair on receiving the Gregory Cole Award.



Fire Chief Wolford, Lt. Macallair, and Maryann Foxwell, Director of Leadership

Lt. Jennifer Macallair



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From: Colleen Krueger
Date: Mon, Oct 25, 2021
Subject: Chris Catucci recognition

Chief Wolford,

I don't even know how to start off this letter, but in a nutshell, a member of the Anne Arundel County Fire Department, Chris Catucci, saved my daughter's life over the weekend. We were at a children's birthday party of a mutual friend, when my four-year old daughter started choking on a piece of pizza and her airway was almost completely blocked. My husband quickly saw her and tried to dislodge the food but was unable to do so, and without any hesitation Chris Catucci jumped in and performed the Heimlich and was able to successfully dislodge the large chunk of pizza.

We were all a bit shaken after the incident but it really hit me the next morning when my daughter woke up, smiling and laughing, and it really hit me at that point that our morning could have been completely different if Chris (and my husband) hadn't acted so quickly to save her.

A "thank you" will never be enough, but I know he is a father so I know he understands how unexplainable our gratitude towards him is. It was so quick and could have easily had a different outcome, which has been consuming my thoughts but also can't even fully wrap my head around.

We just want to thank all of you for your service and recognize Chris for his quick and calm reaction. When she was choking, our mutual friend yelled out "give her to Chris, he's a firefighter" and I immediately knew everything was going to be okay. I know that not every situation has a happy ending like this one did, but I know that you all put your lives and emotions at risk in order to help others and it's the greatest gift to our society.

Thank you thank you thank you!

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