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8/20/23 - AMBULANCE 219

Aug 20, 2023

To whom it may
concern,

I am almost one year
writing this note -
So sorry,

On Sept 30, 2022 - I
fell at the Double Tree
Hotel in Baltimore -
near the BWI Airport.
Brandon Gonzalez and
Stewart Gibson - came
to my rescue. They
both were so kind, helpful,
considerate and did every
thing they could to care
for me. Just wanted
to let someone know
what wonderful young

men they are and
how much I appreciate
them -

Sincerely,

Elaine Cerminaro



FF Brandon Gonzalez



FF Stewart Gibson



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8/8/2023 - ENGINE 5/MEDIC 5/MEDIC 5B

Dear Assistant Chief Schultz:


I had the pleasure and honor of being on an emergency medical incident with the D shift crew from Company 5, Waugh Chapel, on August 8, 2023. I apologize that the crew has not received this memo of praise sooner. In my position as paramedic department faculty at Anne Arundel Community College, I periodically ride with students as they prepare to complete their program. It was in this capacity that I observed an emergency medical incident that required both paramedic units from Station 5 in addition to the engine crew.

The incident was dispatched as an obstetrical emergency, and upon arrival the clamor coming from the apartment made it clear that this was an imminent delivery. I was impressed with my student, Anne Arundel Firefighter Josh Wolfe, because he remained calm even though I knew how stressed he was feeling. His preceptor that day, Firefighter/Paramedic Bryan Weaver, reacted professionally and quickly to the patient's distress and immediately corrected the nuchal cord of her baby so that she could deliver a healthy child. Without the quick actions of Firefighter/Paramedic Weaver that family could have lost their newborn. Shortly after, paramedic unit 5B arrived with Firefighter/Paramedic Rachel Eppig and the engine company with Firefighter/Paramedic Justin Ray. They both jumped right in to assist with care of both the newborn and the mother to ensure that placental delivery and transport preparation went smoothly.

Both of their EMT-Basic partners worked with the paramedics fluidly to ensure that treatment and transport was completed safely. In addition, the officer of the engine crew rapidly took control of the rest of the scene to ensure that patient information was gathered and family members (including a hysterical, but elated father and four small children) were calmed and reassured that their mother was doing well. His whole crew worked together to accomplish all necessary tasks with very little need for excess communication. All personnel from 5 operated seamlessly on this scene. This incident had the potential to devolve into chaos, but due to the professionalism and continuity of this crew it was one of the best run scenes that I have been on in a long time.

After living on the Eastern Shore for decades, I recently moved to Anne Arundel County. I hope you can let everyone on this crew know how extremely impressed I was by them on this call as well as throughout the day I spent with them. All of my neighbors have gotten to hear what an amazing group of first responders we have working for us, and it is important that you and your department know it too.

Thank you very much.



Jennifer Wicker, MS, NRP

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ENGINE 5



Lt. Eric Tyler



FF III John Adams



FF/PM Justin Ray



FF Noah Brown

MEDIC 5



FF/PM Brian Weaver



FF Zachary Thomas



Student Joshua Wolfe

MEDIC 5B



FF/PM Rachel Eppig



FF Matthew King



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9/26/2023 - GROUND SUPPORT

On Tue, Sep 26, 2023 at 1:49 PM Gregory Bennett <fdbennet@aacounty.org> wrote:

During the fall POCS class we test the equipment we use sometimes a little rough. That's part of the learning process and as we say, the cost of doing business. During this time the Fire Shop and Ground Support personnel have been there to support us. We have sent a few pieces up for repairs, light resets and a host of other issues. They have stopped and moved us to the front of the line everytime which to me is absolutely invaluable. They have been a great help with keeping us functional during the time so far in class. Please pass along our appreciation for their dedication to us and their understanding and consideration. It is greatly, greatly appreciated. At certain points during the class it has literally saved our hides and made it so we can continue with our mirrored and sometimes hectic schedule .
Thank you

Greg

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9/20/2023 - PUBLIC EDUCATION

Hi, Christina,

I want to thank you for the talk you gave yesterday evening.

I've been involved with fire safety since I was 12 years-old. My father died in a house fire in the place he was renting in Bethesda, MD. After Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the Air Force and was assigned to the Pentagon. Shortly after VE day, in May, 1945, he and his housemate had a small dinner party. A fire was burning in a fireplace on the first floor. According to his housemate, the screen was in place. His housemate drove the guests to their homes. My father went to bed. The second floor was largely spared. My father was found unconscious across the foot of his bed by a fireman who entered his window. He died of CO and smoke inhalation. Problem #1. The fire started from, as a guess, fireplace embers with the screen improperly placed. Problem #2. He went to bed with the fire still burning. Problem #3 and perhaps most important, my father had a drinking problem, a common denominator of many (most?) fire deaths, in my experience.

I became a physician and a forensic pathologist. In the latter capacity, I had a lot to do with fire fatalities and the public health issues involved.

So I can relate to what you said. It was an outstanding talk and very well presented.

Thank you for participating in this very important educational effort.

Best wishes.

Jim Luke
James L. Luke, MD
Annapolis, MD



Christina Impallaria