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### **Recognition of Farmers Branch Fire Department Medic 133 and Carrollton Engine 115 for their actions in saving the life of a cardiac arrest victim on May 23, 2017.**

On May 23, 2017 Farmers Branch Fire Department Medic 133 and Carrollton Fire Rescue Engine 115 were dispatched to an unconscious person at the 1300 block of Champion Circle in Carrollton Texas. On arrival, Medic 133 found a male patient unconscious on the ground with labored breathing. A few movements later the patient went into cardiac arrest. CPR was initiated, and the cardiac monitor showed that the patient was in ventricular fibrillation. This heart rhythm requires immediate defibrillation and administration of anti-arrhythmic medications. Multiple rounds of medication and defibrillation were delivered while in-route to Las Colinas Medical Center. When M133 arrived at the Las Colinas ER the patient had converted into a sinus rhythm that generated a weak radial pulse.

At the hospital the EKG showed Left Anterior Fascicular Block, Anterior ST Elevation and Lateral ST Depression. The on-duty Cardiologist was notified and the recommendation to NOT go to Cath lab due to prolonged down time was made. Patient was admitted to ICU and was placed on Artic Sun patient cooling system. The Patient was also treated for possible aspiration pneumonia along with having an elevated White Blood Cell count.

On June 1<sup>st</sup> the Patient was stable enough to go to the Cath Lab where Cardiologists found diffuse moderate stenosis of 30 - 50% in the both the Left and right Coronary Arteries. No stents were required and the recommendation from the Cardiologist was for medical therapy of moderate diffuse 3-vessel coronary disease with moderate ischemic cardiomyopathy.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> the Patient was discharged home to his family.

At tonight's Council Meeting, Las Colinas Medical Center will recognize Farmers Branch Fire Department Firefighter/Paramedics Isaac Chan and Jacob Little (Medic 133) and Captain Matthew Graham, Apparatus Operator Lynn Harpold, and Second Apparatus Operator Stephen Crawford of Carrollton Fire Rescue's E-115.

The joint Carrollton and Farmers Branch response that produced this exceptional outcome is a direct result of the Automatic Aid agreement in-place between our cities, and the creation of the North Texas Emergency Communications Center by Addison, Carrollton, Coppell and Farmers Branch.