



FAIRFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

2020 AWARDS CEREMONY



Thursday, September 10, 2020
7:30 p.m.



Virtual Fire Commission Meeting

Incident #20-2968

On the morning of May 24, 2020, The Emergency Communications Center received a call for an unresponsive male patient. The ECC team of Lynn Erasmus, Elizabeth Rodriguez and Robert Rindgen immediately dispatched units to the scene and provided clear and concise step-by-step CPR instructions to distraught family members so that lifesaving care could be given prior to the arrival of first responders.

Engine 5, under the command of Lt. William Tuttle, arrived on scene and took over care of the patient providing continuous CPR as the Automated External Defibrillator was prepared and applied. Personnel skillfully managed the patient's airway and administered multiple shocks to convert the patient's heart to a sinus rhythm. The patient had return of pulses and spontaneous respirations while on scene but remained unconscious.

American Medical Response arrived on scene and continued seamless advanced medical prehospital care to the patient. Engine 5 assisted with patient packaging and airway management during transport to the hospital. Lt. Tuttle cited in his incident report, this call is a "textbook example of how the 911 system should work after a sudden cardiac arrest".

For their actions at this incident the following personnel are presented with the David W. Russell, Jr. Exceptional Medical Service Award: Lt. William Tuttle, FF Edwin Riggs and FF Robert Petrie.

For their actions in this incident, the following Emergency Communications Personnel are presented with the Chief's Letter of Recognition: TC Lynn Erasmus, TC Elizabeth Rodriguez and TC Robert Rindgen.

Incident #20-3209

In the early hours of June 5, 2020, the Emergency Communications Center received a call for a patient with difficulty breathing. Prior to the arrival of first responders, the patient suffered a witnessed sudden cardiac arrest.

Engine 5, under the command of Lt. William Tuttle, arrived on scene and found the patient in cardiac arrest. Personnel immediately began CPR and prepared the Automated External Defibrillator and Cardiac Compression Device to deliver advanced prehospital lifesaving care.

American Medical Response arrived on scene and continued advanced medical care. Patient had return of pulses and blood pressure and spontaneous respirations while on scene. Engine 5 assisted with patient packaging and airway management during transport to the hospital.

For their actions at this incident the following personnel are presented with the David W. Russell, Jr. Exceptional Medical Service Award: Lt. William Tuttle, FF Francis Ference and FF Lawrence Noga.

Incident #20-3831

On the afternoon of July 2, 2020, the Emergency Communications Center received a call for a male fall victim. While responding first responders were updated that the patient had just gotten off a city bus and collapsed on the side of the road.

Engine 2, under the command of Lt. Dennis Eannotti, arrived on scene to find a Fairfield Police Officer providing one person CPR. Personnel immediately took over patient care and continued CPR and applied the Automated External Defibrillator and Cardiac Compression Device to deliver advanced prehospital lifesaving care.

Personnel delivered one shock with the AED and continued CPR as American Medical Response arrived on scene and continued advanced lifesaving care. Patient regained pulses but still required assistance with ventilations. Engine 2 assisted with patient packaging and airway management during transport to the hospital.

For their actions at this incident the following personnel are presented with the David W. Russell, Jr. Exceptional Medical Service Award: Lt. Dennis Eannotti, FF Richard Bassett and FF Brendan Murray.

Incident #20-3834

On the afternoon of July 2, 2020, the Emergency Communication Center received a call for a male patient that had collapsed while riding his bike. The patient was reported to have no pulse and was not breathing. The ECC team of Kyle Champney, Maria Lobo and Robert Rindgen immediately dispatched units to the scene and provided clear and concise step-by-step CPR instructions to the patient's wife so that lifesaving care could be given prior to the arrival of first responders.

Engine 3, under the command of Lt. Leroy Corbo, arrived on scene and continued CPR and advanced lifesaving equipment was prepared and applied. Personnel delivered two shocks to the patient and continued CPR prior to the arrival of American Medical Response.

Once on scene AMR continued with advanced lifesaving prehospital care. Personnel quickly extricated the patient from the basement through a nearby garage door and transported to the hospital with FD personnel on board assisting with ventilations. During transport to the hospital the patient regained pulses and slight respirations.

For their actions at this incident the following personnel are presented with the David W. Russell, Jr. Exceptional Medical Service Award: Lt. Leroy Corbo, FF Andrew Darrow and FF Erik Hubbell.

For their actions in this incident the following Emergency Communications Personnel are presented with the Chief's Letter of Recognition: TC Kyle Champney, TC Maria Lobo and TC Robert Rindgen.

Chief's Medal

The Chief's Medal is presented to Assistant Schuyler Sherwood in recognition of his diligent work as Department Planning Officer which has improved the preparation, response and capability of the Town and the Fire Department. His contributions have enhanced the Department's daily operations as well as the Town's Pandemic response. His tireless efforts have indeed made the Town of Fairfield a safer place.

Incident #20-3898

In the evening hours of July 4th 2020, The Emergency Communications Center received a call for an unresponsive male patient.

Engine 3, under the command of Lt. Leroy Corbo, arrived on scene and found an unresponsive male in respiratory arrest lying in the bathroom of the residence. Bystanders reported the patient had been drinking and possibly using heroin.

Engine 3 immediately began patient care. Calling upon their years of experience and noticing the patient's pinpoint pupils, Engine 3 administered 4 milligrams of Narcan intra-nasally and assisted the patient's breathing utilizing a bag/valve/mask and high flow oxygen.

Patient began to breath on his own and regained consciousness shortly after. American Medical Response arrived on scene and patient was transported to the hospital for additional treatment.

For their actions on this call the following personnel are presented with the Chief's Letter of Recognition: Lt. Leroy Corbo, FF Jeremiah McGuire Jr. and FF Erik Hubbell.

Chief's Letter of Recognition

For her extraordinary efforts coordinating Fairfield CERT's food distribution at the Senior Center and Operation Hope during the COVID-19 pandemic the Chief's Letter of Recognition is presented to Cindy O'Neill-Vitale.

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***A special thanks for all their support to: First Selectwoman Brenda Kupchick and  
Our Fire Commissioners: Chairman Harry Ackley, Secretary Dorothea Brennan,  
William Fitzpatrick, Joseph Olzacki, John Brannelly, Robert Scinto, William Burke***

## **Medal Description and Criterion** (in order of valor)

### **Chief Thomas J. Carol Medal of Honor**

Awarded for an outstanding act in the line of duty with imminent personal hazard of life and full knowledge of risk involved.

(Recommended by the Medal Review Board and Awarded by the Fire Commission)

### **Joseph J. Stopa Life Saving Award**

Awarded for an act performed in the line of duty with thorough disregard of personal safety or where prompt alert action results in the saving of a life.

(Recommended by the Medal Review Board and Awarded by the Fire Commission)

### **Joseph S. Elias Meritorious Service Award**

Awarded for a highly unusual accomplishment under adverse conditions with some degree of hazard to life and limb or where death or injury to a third party is prevented.

(Recommended by the Medal Review Board and Awarded by the Fire Commission)

### **Honorable Service Medal**

A credible act in the line of duty which meets some but not all of the requirements for other medals. This action unusual in nature by showing initiative and accomplishment.

(Recommended by the Medal Review Board and Awarded by the Fire Commission)

### **Unit Citation for Valor**

Awarded to members of a unit cited for duties performed with the confidence and professionalism that is consistent with heroic efforts as seen in the fire service.

(Recommended by the Medal Review Board and Awarded by the Fire Commission)

### **David W. Russell Jr. Exceptional Medical Service Award**

For exceptional actions beyond the norm at an emergency medical call resulting in the saving of a life.

(Recommended by the Medal Review Board and Awarded by the Fire Commission)

### **Exceptional Duty Medal**

Awarded for a highly credible accomplishment bringing public acclaim to the individual or department as a result of training, devotion to duty or service to the public.

(Recommended by the Medal Review Board and Awarded by the Fire Commission)

### **Commissioner's Achievement Award**

An act or achievement by a member of the department including the Chief bringing public acclaim to member or department through programs that further the efficiency of the department or contributions to the advancement of the fire service as a professional.

(Awarded solely by the Fire Commission)

### **Chief's Medal**

Awarded to an individual who in the opinion of the Chief improved fire department operations or contributed to the community in a positive way.

(Awarded solely by the Chief of the Department)

### **Education Award**

Awarded to an individual who achieved a degree in a fire science-related field.

(Awarded by the Fire Commission)

### **Chief's Letter of Recognition**

Awarded to an individual for actions which are deemed worthy of recognition.

(Awarded solely by the Chief of the Department)