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WESTERN SPRINGS FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDICS RECEIVE AWARDS FOR SAVING TWO LIVES WITHIN HOURS

WESTERN SPRINGS, IL, November 9, 2021 - Western Springs Firefighter/Paramedics received Company Citation Awards for two lifesaving incidents that occurred last month.

On October 10, Western Springs Firefighter/Paramedics responded to a call reporting that a car had crashed into a garage. Upon arrival, members quickly determined that a passenger car that had gone through a garage causing significant damage to the structure and several vehicles. Upon initial assessment by paramedics the male driver was conscious and alert, but soon became unresponsive and then stopped breathing. Members reacted quickly, using medications, along with advanced airway and cardiac techniques to stabilize the patient. They then moved the patient through the debris of the collapsed garage to the ambulance for transport to the hospital, and after a few days he was successfully discharged.

Just 8 hours later, in the early morning hours of October 11, Western Springs Firefighter/Paramedics responded to a call for an unresponsive male inside a car. Upon arrival the crew quickly confirmed that the patient was in full cardiac arrest. Advanced lifesaving care was provided, including cardiac defibrillation, medications, and the use of advanced airway management techniques. The patient was alert and talking enroute to the hospital and was later discharged after a full recovery.

Due to their outstanding teamwork and the effective application of their skills and knowledge, the collective actions of **Capt. Kevin Gay, Lt. Rich Griffith, FF/PM Andrew Lesch, FF/PM Zach Schneeberger, FF Jason Grant, FF/EMT Matt Villicana, Candidate FF Jack Hammond and Candidate FF Jordan Isenberg** directly saved the lives of two patients under very challenging conditions. Each member was given a Company Citation award for outstanding team performance in service to the community

Fire Chief Mike Kelly commented, "Both of these incidents, within hours of each other, were extremely challenging given the critical nature of the patients and where they were located. Great outcomes such as these are the direct result of quick response and tremendous teamwork, coupled with the skill and dedication of the onsite firefighters and paramedics. Our firefighters and paramedics do a great job each and every day, but I am pleased to recognize these members for their outstanding work that saved two lives."

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Pictured L-R: Candidate FF. Jordan Isenberg, Candidate FF. Jack Hammond, FF Jason Grant, and FF/PM Zach Schneeberger

Not Pictured: Capt. Kevin Gay, Lt. Rich Griffith, FF/PM Andrew Lesch, and FF/EMT Matt Villicana

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