



# News Release

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## **Airport Fire/Rescue Team Honored for Saving a Life** *--Gift to Maryland rescue squad honors Detroit Airport firefighters*

**Detroit Metropolitan Airport's Fire/Rescue Team** was honored this month by a grateful passenger whose life they saved on Christmas Day.

While traveling December 25, a passenger from Washington, D.C. began suffering severe chest pain and shortness of breath at gate A-53 at the McNamara Terminal. The Airport Fire/Rescue crew went into action, administering chest pain protocols including a 12-lead EKG which indicated severe cardiac abnormalities and began treating and transporting the customer to the hospital. While in route, the patient went into full cardiac arrest. The Airport crew applied a series of shocks, drug therapies and chest compressions which brought the patient back.

Released to the Oakwood Annapolis Hospital Cardiac Cath Lab, the patient again went into cardiac arrest but recovered due to the actions applied by the Annapolis team. In a note, the customer thanked the Detroit Metropolitan Airport Fire/Rescue Team for "a Christmas gift of the best sort."

"Your training and quick response is what made the difference," she wrote.

On a return visit to Detroit last week the customer, who is recovering nicely, had the opportunity to personally thank the Airport's **Second Platoon Team** who met her at her arrival gate.

"The performances of the Second Platoon Team, comprised of Lt. Brian LaPointe, Firefighters Michael Slayton, Alan Wheelock and Dillon Dominczyk, exemplify the extreme level of commitment to providing the best care available to our shareholder community," said Airport Fire Chief Craig Carnell.

On March 22, Chief Carnell received a formal notice from the President of the **Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Maryland Rescue Squad** that this grateful Washington D.C. resident had provided them with a generous gift to honor the firefighters at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

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