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Fire Crews Meet Cardiac Arrest Survivor at Parkland Medical Center

Type and Description of Incident: EMS Call with Cardiac Arrest and RSI

At 1745 on October 19th, Derry Fire Alarm received multiple E-911 calls reporting a person collapsed on Ballard Rd. Derry Ladder 4, Medic 2 and Car 1 were alerted by Derry Fire Alarm and responded immediately from their stations. Upon arrival - bystander CPR was being performed. Fire personnel confirmed that the patient was in cardiac arrest and began immediate Basic and Advanced Life Support care.

Crews worked diligently performing high quality CPR and administering Advanced Life Support measures. The victim was resuscitated and stabilized for transport to Parkland Medical Center. Of note is that the Pandemic is still ongoing - crews were performing these BLS/ALS interventions in Tyvek suits and respirators.

Crews who responded to this life-threatening event were able to visit the patient at Parkland Medical Center, where she has made a full recovery and was discharged today.

"This is a life-saving story because of the training, collaboration and continuum of care in the community," said Marc Grossman, MD, Medical Director of Emergency Services at Parkland Medical Center. "From the onset of a bystander performing CPR, to Derry Fire crews providing advanced life support measures and notification to Parkland Medical Center, our staff was well prepared and ready to provide high quality care, all of which ultimately led to a positive outcome for the patient."

