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For Immediate Release:

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Victim Saved, Derry, New Hampshire. Patients husband called E911 immediately and helped save her life!

On December 13, 2020 at 08:45 a.m. the Derry Fire Emergency Communications Division received a single E911 call reporting that a female had collapsed on Berry Rd.

Derry Engine 1, Medic 1 and Car 1 along with Derry Police Department were alerted and responded immediately. While en-route, Dispatchers provided information to responders indicating that the victim's breathing had become ineffective. Upon arrival of Engine 1 the patient was found in cardiac arrest. Fire and Police personnel initiated immediate Basic and Advanced Life Support care.

Crews worked diligently to perform high quality CPR and administered multiple Advanced Life Support measures through a dynamic patient presentation. The victim had achieved return of spontaneous circulation and was 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 an excellent recovery with plans to be discharged soon.

Derry is proud to be designated as a HEARTSafe Community. HEARTSafe Communities is a program designed to promote survival from sudden out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. It is a general concept focused upon strengthening the "chain of survival" as described by the American Heart Association; it recognizes and stimulates efforts by individual communities to improve their system for preventing sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) from becoming irreversible death. In this case early recognition, activation of the emergency response system, early high-quality CPR, Rapid defibrillation and advanced life support and post-arrest care lead to a very optimal outcome.

Photo R to L: Lt./AEMT James Hoffman, FF/Paramedic Chris Belvin, Mrs. Rosemary Hargreaves, FF/AEMT John Hines, FF/AEMT Eric Smith, BC/Paramedic Shawn Haggart

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