



TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL

Police Department

MERCER COUNTY

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Chief Lance D. Maloney

Letter of Appreciation

On March 26, 2014 at approximately 12:45 pm, Sergeant Michael Cseremsak, Officer Robert Sparano, and Officer Louis Vastola responded to the Route 31 Burger King parking lot for the report of a man suffering from cardiac arrest.

Sergeant Cseremsak arrived on location within minutes and found the 45 year old unresponsive victim seated in a tractor trailer. Upon checking the victim, no pulse or breathing was detected. The victim was removed from the vehicle by Sergeant Cseremsak with the assistance of Officer Vastola, Pennington Borough Police Officer Douglas Pinelli, and Hopewell Valley Emergency Services Firefighter/EMT Matthew Peck.

Once outside the vehicle, Pennington First Aid Squad members Doug Kabay and John Muccioli began to administer CPR while Officers Sparano and Vastola utilized a Bag Valve Mask and oxygen to provide respirations for the victim. Sergeant Cseremsak attached a defibrillator to the victim which indicated that a shock was necessary. Once the shock was delivered the victim's pulse returned and he began to breathe on his own.

Sean Varricchio, an off-duty trauma nurse, had been passing by the scene and offered his assistance. Mr. Varricchio provided additional medical care while the victim was transported by the Pennington First Aid Squad to a local hospital where he was admitted, treated and later released.

Due to their quick actions and their cooperative effort with each other and responding Hopewell Township Police Officers, these responders were able to provide lifesaving assistance to this victim and place him under the care of more advanced medical personnel.

For their actions, Officer Douglas Pinelli, Firefighter/EMT Matthew Peck, First Responder Doug Kabay, First Responder John Muccioli and Nurse Sean Varricchio are presented with this "Letter of Appreciation".

