

December 28, 2006

The Family of Fred

Lincoln NE

To: Fire House Engine 1 and Medic 1 Personnel  
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Assistant Chief of Operations Rich Furasek  
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We would like to take a few minutes of your time to tell you a fantastic true-life story. It involves the personnel of the Fire House at 1801 Q Street. We are sure you are familiar with these people as this is the location of the administrative offices of the department and the EMS Medic services. What we are not so sure of is that this kind of event reaches your offices.

The people of Engine 1 and Medic 1 responded to a 911 call on the evening of \_\_\_\_\_ at approximately 8:15 pm. The person involved in the call was Fred \_\_\_\_\_. He is your average retired Lincolnite. He has spent his life in this community and raised three children who also currently reside here. At that time on that day he suffered cardiac arrest. Both teams responded very promptly.

On site they reacted professionally and with great expedience. The patient was transported to Bryan/LGH East having to be revived in route.

The family was informed by the cardiologist on duty that night that there was a large build up of fluid around the heart and that without the quick actions and transport by the response teams - Fred's life would surely have been lost.

The next day, the neurologist assigned to Fred relayed the good news that the speed and skill of the response team enabled his neurological functions to be viewed as normal.

This letter goes to three people who have ultimate supervision over the personnel who manned Engine 1 and Medic 1 that night. It was important for the family to recognize the efforts of those teams. We know that there has been a plethora of bad news regarding the Departments lately, but it is important to realize that, at the bottom line where it counts, the people who work on teams like these are doing a fantastic professional job. We hope that this letter will commend them all to you.

Fred returned home \_\_\_\_\_ for the celebration of a truly life giving Christmas. We thank the personnel of Engine 1 and Medic 1 for their efforts.

Sincerely,

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