



**MEDIA RELEASE**

**FIREFIGHTERS/PARAMEDICS AND POLICE OFFICER RECEIVE AWARD**

**WESTERN SPRINGS, IL. July 12, 2021.** Western Springs Firefighters/Paramedics and a Police Officer recently received a *Company Citation Award* for team efforts that saved a life in April.

On April 26, 2021, Firefighters/Paramedics and Police responded to the area of Red Oak Drive and Timber Trails Boulevard for a reported cardiac arrest in a home under construction. Upon arrival they found an adult male construction worker in full cardiac arrest on the first floor, with Police Officer Kingsley Church already performing CPR. The crew immediately began assessment and advanced life support measures, including applying a cardiac monitor. After several shocks by the monitor, securing an airway for the victim to breath, and administering cardiac medications, a pulse and breathing were restored and supported by the team. The crew then successfully moved the patient safely through the hazardous construction site to the ambulance for transport to the hospital.

Because of their outstanding teamwork and successful application of their skills and knowledge, the collective actions of WSFD Captain Charles Lichtenauer, Lieutenant Karl Hammond, Lieutenant Stephanie Grimm, FF/PM Sean Yocum, FF Michael Darcy, FF Christopher Schneider and WSPD Officer Kingsley Church directly saved the patient’s life. Fire Chief Mike Kelly commented, “This was a very challenging incident given the critical nature of the patient and the unsafe environment of the construction site. Thanks to the quick response and tremendous teamwork, skill, and dedication of our firefighters/paramedics and police officer, they were able to save a life.”



**Pictured L to R:** Captain Charles Lichtenauer, FF Christopher Schneider, FF/PM Sean Yocum, FF Michael Darcy and Lieutenant Karl Hammond  
**Not Pictured:** Fire Lieutenant Stephanie Grimm and WSPD Officer Kingsley Church

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