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Subject: RE: Lifesaving Actions

BC Reid on left and Capt. Richardson on right



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Mark, Brian and Susan:

Please see the write-up below (details were provided to me by Master Deputy John Henry and followed up with my discussions with BC Reid and Capt. Richardson).

On Saturday November 16, 2024; Battalion Chief Tyler Reid, Captain "Bud" Richardson, Master Deputy Sheriff John Henry and Zach Reid (BC Reid's brother) had traveled to Richmond to run in the Richmond Marathon. This was an event that they had collectively trained for over many months. As they began the race and were around their second mile, they observed a runner down. Immediately BC Reid and Capt. Richardson began assessing the patient and determined that he was in cardiac arrest thus immediately beginning lifesaving measures. Simultaneously, they observed Richmond law enforcement officers and requested that they try to obtain an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). While this was occurring Master Deputy Henry and Zach Reid provided supportive assistance. As CPR continued (reportedly the best Master Deputy Henry had ever seen), an AED arrived from the law enforcement officer. Immediately, BC Reid applied the AED and placed it into operational mode and the AED shock was administered. Care was continued and as EMS arrived, the patient was showing signs of improvement and a pulse was now evident. EMS then took over the incident. It was later reported that, upon arrival at the hospital the patient was sitting upright and talking on his own. I am certainly proud of Battalion Chief Reid, Captain Richardson and their running team mates of Master Deputy Sheriff John Henry and Zach Reid for saving the life of this marathon

runner and during this time of Thanksgiving it is even extra special. This further demonstrates that we are never "off duty." Huge kudo's to all of these guys for a life saved and a family having their loved one back. And after their lifesaving measures, all four continued to successfully complete the marathon—great job!

Our folks do wonderful work every single day and this is an indication of their commitment to the care for our community no matter where or when, as well as no matter whether on duty or off. I am proud of these folks just as I am of all of our personnel who take care of our citizens, businesses and visitors each and every day.

Thanks,

Steve

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