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Cardiac Arrest Survivor To Be Reunited with Paramedic and Hall Air Flight Team Credited with Saving His Life

WHAT: For Lebec resident James Bailey, the old saying, “Three Times a Charm,” rings true. Bailey will be reunited with the paramedic and medical flight team being credited with saving his life after suffering from not one, but three episodes of cardiac arrest.

To her credit, James Bailey’s wife is to be commended for initiating care by calling 9-1-1 for medical aid after he began complaining of chest pain and shortness of breath in the early morning hours of March 18, 2008. As Hall Ambulance arrived, Paramedic Cliff Kroll immediately began his assessment of the patient who was complaining of severe chest pain that he considered to be a 10 on a scale of 1-10.

After Kroll and his EMT partner, Edward Ehrenpfort loaded Bailey into the ambulance to begin transport, the heart monitor revealed his rhythm going into v-fib—a dangerous and unstable heart rhythm. Suddenly, Bailey had become unresponsive and pulseless. Relying on his training and experience as a full-time Paramedic, Kroll initiated advanced life support care, which included applying a pre-cordial thump and defibrillating Bailey at 200 jules. As a result, he was able to convert Bailey’s heart rate to a sinus (normal) rhythm with respiration and pulses restored.

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Care was soon transferred to Hall Air's Flight Team, which included Flight Medic Chris Beucher and Flight Nurse Jeanette Green. During transport, Bailey slipped back into v-fib two additional times before his heart was restored to a viable sinus rhythm by the medical flight team prior to arrival at the ER.

Bailey was released from the hospital after just a few short days due to the successful completion of the chain of survival which included his wife calling 9-1-1, advanced life support care administered by the Hall Ambulance Paramedic and the continuum of care provided by the Hall Air Flight Team.

WHEN: **THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2008**
3:00 P.M.

WHERE: Hall Ambulance Community Center
1031 21st Street

WHO: **James Bailey, 3x Cardiac Arrest Survivor**
Paramedic Cliff Kroll
EMT Edward Ehrenpfort
Flight Medic Chris Beucher
Flight Nurse Jeanette Green

DETAILS: Heart attack is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. Each year, more than 1 million people suffer from heart attacks, and of those, nearly 50% die.

The chances of recovering from a heart attack improve dramatically when the chain of survival, supported by the American Heart Association is followed, which includes:

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Early recognition of the signs of a heart attack
and activation of 9-1-1

Early CPR

Early Defibrillation

Early Advanced Care

By knowing the signs of a heart attack, you can play a vital role in saving the life of a friend or relative.

Signs include:

Chest discomfort: Most heart attacks involve pain in the center of the chest that lasts for more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back. Discomfort can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

Discomfort in other areas of the upper body:

Can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

Shortness of breath: Often comes along with or prior to chest discomfort.

Other symptoms: Might include a cold sweat, nausea or light-headedness.

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