



St. Petersburg Police Department News Release



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St. Petersburg Police Chief Chuck Harmon to Present a Special Life Saving Award to Tampa General Nurse Teresa McCoy on Wednesday November 9, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

On April 30, 2011, St. Petersburg Police Officers worked traffic for the St. Anthony's Hospital Meek and Mighty Triathlon.

Mr. David Laudano, a participant in the triathlon, suffered a medical episode while riding his bicycle and crashed near the intersection of Central Avenue and Bayshore Drive NE. Several police officers on the scene found Mr. Laudano unconscious.

Another race participant, Teresa McCoy, a Registered Nurse (RN) who works at Tampa General Hospital, dropped her bicycle to help Mr. Laudano. Teresa McCoy checked Mr. Laudano's pulse and saw that his breathing was shallow.

Mr. Laudano's medical condition quickly deteriorated and he went into cardiac arrest.

Teresa McCoy began administering CPR.

Officer Christopher Dort soon took over chest compressions while Teresa McCoy administered ventilations to Mr. Laudano.

By all accounts, Teresa McCoy took control of the situation. She provided helpful instructions to Officer Dort as he gave compressions and helped keep everyone else around them calm.

Officer Mark Williams ran to his cruiser, got an AED device, and brought it to Teresa McCoy. She attached the AED device to Mr. Laudano and used it to deliver an electrical shock to his heart. This action revived him to consciousness and brought him back to life.

Fire Rescue and an ambulance arrived and transported Mr. Laudano to Bayfront Medical Center where he spent several days recuperating from his heart attack. He has survived and is now fully recovered.

Lieutenant Rick Feinberg, St. Petersburg Fire Rescue, credited the early intervention of CPR and the use of the AED device for saving Mr. Laudano's life.

On Wednesday November 9, 2011 at 2:00 p.m., Chief of Police Chuck Harmon will hold a ceremony to recognize Officer Christopher Dort and Teresa McCoy for their life saving efforts. It will be held in the St. Petersburg Police Department's Training Division, 1301 First Avenue North, Classroom D.



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Mr. David Laudano plans to attend the ceremony because he wants to personally thank Teresa McCoy and Officer Christopher Dort, and other officers as well, for saving his life.

I have attached a photo of Officer Christopher Dort, who is a motorcycle officer in our Traffic Division's Special Enforcement Unit (SEU).

Information by Bill Proffitt on November 8, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

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