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Cardiac Arrest Survivor Reunites with HFD Crews

WHAT: In celebration of National Emergency Medical Services Week, May 16 - 22, HFD will be highlighting a cardiac arrest survivor's story.

WHEN: Today, May 18, 2010 at 3:30pm

WHERE: Fire Station 42, 8675 Clinton Drive at Mississippi (Key Map 495T)

DETAILS: One year ago, Jim Forse collapsed suddenly while making a delivery to a local store. Today, he wants to meet all those persons that helped save his life. "Without them, I could not have made it!" he says.

Store employees came to his aid, including Naud Perez who called 9-1-1 from his cell phone. Perez spoke with Sr. 9-1-1 Telecommunicator, Jerline Mason, who gave phone instructions on how to help. Within minutes, HFD personnel arrived from four different fire stations.

With everyone's help, Forse's pulse returned at the scene. He received hypothermia therapy by HFD and was transported to a local hospital where he received further treatment.

Thanks to everyone's efforts, he and his wife Frances recently celebrated 41 years of marriage.

Bystanders: Naud Perez & Francisco Hernandez

Sr. 9-1-1 Telecommunicator: Jerline Mason

HFD units responding:

Ambulance 042: Todd Adams, Richard Dale; Squad 40: E/O paramedic Brandon Everette, FF paramedic Michael Vasquez, EMT Jason Williams; Engine 18 and EMS Supv 17: Roberto Garza

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