

MIDWEST POOL MANAGEMENT

MIDWEST POOL MANAGEMENT STAFF PERFORM A LIFESAVING RESCUE ON A 3 YEAR OLD

The effectiveness of the training of the Midwest Pool Management staff was proven out in dramatic fashion on August 6 at the Chesterfield Aquatic Center. Late that afternoon, a 3 year old wandered away from his mother, grandmother and uncle. At the same time the pool manager, Andrew Edwards, was giving an orientation to a new first day on the job lifeguard when they both noticed the youngster under the water in the leisure pool.

Edwards leapt into the pool and pulled the child out onto the deck. The child was not breathing and his lips had turned blue. Edwards training kicked in automatically and began doing compressions for an obstructed airway. Greg Dickinson, Midwest Pool Management Regional Supervisor was on site and he too sprang into action began to monitor the pulse working in tandem with Edwards. Manager Michael Jurgensmayer completed the rapid response team by grabbing the Automatic External Defibrillator and trauma bag. After Edwards performed 25 compressions the child began vomiting clear water. While Dickinson diligently monitored the child's pulse, Edwards rolled the child onto his side and noticed still no breathing, finally after 2 more compressions the child vomited again and began breathing and crying.

EMS from the Monarch Fire District arrived on the scene and transported the child to the hospital. The child was kept at the hospital overnight for observation. Later that evening he was sitting up in bed watching TV. All reports are that the child is fine. The grandmother contacted the pool that same evening and expressed her gratitude for the efforts of the staff as did the uncle.

The following day at Noon, Michael G. Herring, City Administrator for the City of Chesterfield came to the aquatic center to thank the staff for their professional performance. During his talk to the staff you could easily detect the emotion that he felt about thoughts of what might have been.

Bert Forde, President of Midwest Pool Management stated that "We could not be more proud these staff members. This recognition by the Chesterfield City Council is a testament to their long hours of hard work in becoming certified as well as their continual in-service training during the pool season. "

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