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HOT HEADLINES

Lifeguards Awarded Bronze "Star of Life"

In July a 9-1-1 call was received for an unconscious person at the Aqua Port Waterpark. The Maryland Heights Fire District House #2 emergency equipment was immediately dispatched.

Upon arrival on the scene, they witnessed the lifeguard team hard at work with a serious medical emergency. In addition, they were clearing the public from the pool area and securing a controlled scene for the firefighters and paramedics. The firefighters immediately assessed the patient, Jerry Gunn, as being in a confirmed cardiac arrest. Lifeguards Kristin Goldsborough, Kylie Zoller, Adam White, and Paul White had attached an Automated External Defibrillator or AED, delivered the appropriate shocks, and were performing CPR. The paramedics and firefighters quickly built on their actions starting

advanced cardiac life support. The lifeguard's quick and confident actions significantly impacted the chances of Mr. Gunn's survival and ultimately his overall recovery. Prior to leaving the scene, the paramedics confirmed that he regained a pulse, blood pressure, and respirations. Mr. Gunn was transported by the ambulance and later made a full recovery. The lifeguards were presented with a Bronze "Start of Life" as a Lifesaver Award and commendation for their actions in saving a life. In addition to the lifeguards and fire crews that responded on the call, surviving patient Jerry Gunn, wife Mary Ann, his family, and representatives from the City of Maryland Heights and Midwest Pool Management were also present.

Captain Robert Daus



Surviving Patient: Jerry Gunn and Wife Mary Ann Gunn **Life Guards:** Adam White, Kristin Goldsborough, and Paul White **Fire Truck Company and Ambulance:** Captain Robert Daus, Firefighter Paramedic Mark Russell, Driver Operator Bob Young, Firefighter Paramedic Chris Kirchhofer, Firefighter Paramedic Kevin Heberlie **Board of Directors:** Secretary Steve Harley, President Robert Nichols, Treasurer Mark Wells

Firefighter Golf Tournament Recognizes Unexpected Guest



Captain Robert Daus and Firefighter Mark Russell present Zack Winkle with a custom bronze maltese ax. Also present were Zack's parents Stan and Mary.

The Maryland Heights firefighters annually collect for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) by participating in the national "Fill the Boot" campaign. In an effort to increase our contribution to MDA, a "Fill the Boot" golf tournament was hosted.

During the tournament we had an unexpected guest arrive who quickly became the center of the event. Zack spent the entire day at the tournament and made a point to talk with the golfers, volunteers, and firefighters in attendance. Having him at the event meant a lot to everyone and ultimately drove home what this event was all about and why everyone was there. Zack handed out the

tournament awards and then spoke about his life's fight against Muscular Dystrophy, which was very inspiring and moving.

At a board meeting, the firefighters officially thanked him for his participation in helping raise approximately sixty seven hundred dollars. He was presented with a bronze firefighter ax. The ax bears one of the proudest symbols of firefighter tradition, the Maltese Cross, which stands for all of the values that the firefighters hold dear. Zack displays these traits everyday with his fight with Muscular Dystrophy. This year the firefighters raised and presented a check to the MDA for approximately \$10,000.

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