



## 'They went beyond the call of duty': Slate Belt 1st responders honored for saving man's life

On Friday, February 7, 2025 at approx. 3:44P.M., I was dispatched to 402 N. Genoga St in the Borough of Wind Gap for a "male experiencing chest pain, caller is the daughter and is not on scene, male is home alone." When I arrived at the residence, I received another call from dispatch that the caller "called back, EMS can cancel, patient is going to the hospital by POV (privately owned vehicle). A man came out of the house and began speaking with me. The man related he had been experiencing some discomfort in his chest, but it wasn't as bad as before. The man denied having any trouble breathing. The man told me his wife was already on her way home from work to take him to the hospital and that I could leave the residence. I told the man I wasn't comfortable leaving until his wife arrived home, and recommended he go inside and call his wife to see where she currently was on the road. The man came outside on his cellular phone with his wife and learned his wife was about 10 minutes away and disconnected the phone call. At this time, the man again told me that I didn't need to stay and that his wife would be home soon, but I told him I would stay until his wife was home. I continued to make "small talk," with the man about his family.

I continued talking with the man, at which time, I observed the man immediately collapsed without bracing himself in the driveway, striking his head on the ice. I immediately called dispatch and requested an Advance Life Support (EMS) truck (EMS response) while I tried to assess the man's condition. The man was unconscious and unresponsive. I retreated to my patrol car and grabbed medical scissors in addition to the departmental issued AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and determined he was no longer breathing. I began CPR (chest compressions) as the man's wife arrived at the residence. Officer Nicholas ANDERSON and Officer Anthony LYTL (Slate Belt Regional Police) arrived to assist and activated the AED and applied the AED pads to the man's chest. The AED shocked the man once, prior to Suburban EMS Paramedics arriving on scene. Paramedics Zachary GILBERT and Matthew BILLINSKI arrived and began treating the man with life saving measures.

The man, identified as Lewis Greenleaf was transported the St. Luke's Hospital – Anderson campus where he was provided with lifesaving medication/treatment, until he was transferred out to St. Luke's Hospital – Bethlehem, where he continued receiving life saving treatment until he was discharged.



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