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Cumberland County Commissioners Recognize 9-1-1 Dispatcher for Life Saving Efforts

Cumberland County, PA- Today during a public meeting, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners recognized Dispatcher Jonathan Kibe. On April 19, 2015, Kibe provided life-saving pre-arrival medical instructions to a caller that assisted in the successful resuscitation of a patient in cardiac arrest.

Kibe received a phone call reporting an adult male not breathing and unresponsive. The victim was suffering from cardiac arrest. Kibe was on the phone for almost five minutes and using Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD) protocol, gave lifesaving CPR instructions until Emergency Medical Services arrived. The patient was placed on a ventilator and taken to the hospital; it was determined without the CPR the patient may have died.

The EMD protocol used by Cumberland County allows dispatchers to do a rapid assessment of a medical emergency and provide detailed pre-arrival medical instructions to callers until first responders arrive. These instructions cover a wide range of medical emergencies including CPR, child birth and the Heimlich maneuver. For more information on EMD and the Cumberland County 9-1-1 Center, please visit www.ccpa.net/publicsafety.

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