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### *Cumberland County Commissioners Recognize Dispatcher for Assisting in Birth of Baby Boy*

**Cumberland County, Pennsylvania-** Today during their public meeting, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners recognized Cumberland County Department of Public Safety (DPS) Dispatcher Christian Sklodowski. On November 27, 2016, Sklodowski provided medical instructions to a caller that resulted in the birth of a baby boy.

Sklodowski utilized Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) protocol to assist the caller, mother and child until an ambulance crew arrived shortly after the child was born. EMD allows dispatchers, through a series of prescribed questions, to determine the severity and nature of a medical emergency and select the proper services to dispatch. EMD also allows dispatchers the opportunity to provide life-saving pre-arrival instructions.

With the delivery of the baby boy, Sklodowski joins the ranks of the DPS “Stork Club.” This group consists of twenty-three DPS dispatchers who have assisted in the successful delivery of twenty-six babies. Sklodowski was presented with a blue “stork” pin and his name has been placed on a plaque at DPS. For more information on the Cumberland County Department of Public Safety and EMD visit [www.ccpa.net/publicsafety](http://www.ccpa.net/publicsafety).

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