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Cumberland County 911 Dispatcher Recognized for Life-saving Efforts in Birth of Baby Girl

Cumberland County, PA – The Cumberland County Commissioners are pleased to recognize Kyarah Kuykendall, dispatcher with the Department of Public Safety (DPS), for her extraordinary efforts in providing medical instructions to a caller, which resulted in the successful delivery and life-saving resuscitation of a baby girl.

On June 11, 2017, Kuykendall walked the caller through the delivery process and CPR instructions until an ambulance crew arrived. The baby and mother were transported to a local hospital, where it's been reported the newborn was breathing and had a pulse.

With the delivery of the baby, Kuykendall has earned her first recognition as a member of the DPS "Stork Club." This group includes 24 DPS dispatchers who have assisted in the successful delivery of 28 babies. Kuykendall was presented with a life saver and pink "stork" pins for her efforts, and her name has been placed on the Stork Club plaque at DPS.

The Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) protocol used by the County's Department of Public Safety allows dispatchers to rapidly assess a medical emergency and provide detailed, pre-arrival medical instructions to callers until first responders arrive. These instructions cover a range of medical emergencies including CPR, childbirth and the Heimlich maneuver. For more information on EMD and the Cumberland County 911center, please visit www.ccpa.net/publicsafety.

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