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We are thrilled to announce that the following providers in our area were recognized for their outstanding patient care during recent calls.

In December, members of Twin City Ambulance and North Tonawanda Professional Firefighters were recognized by the City of North Tonawanda Common Council and Mayor Austin Tylec for their outstanding efforts on EMS calls in recent months.

TCA Paramedic Steven Fernandez along with Assistant Chief Ed Yaminski, Firefighter James Urban, and Firefighter Paul Fuhrman of the NTFD were recognized for a code save in which the patient received CPR for over 45 minutes while additional life-saving measures were performed. The efforts from all the providers resulted in a successful patient outcome.

TCA Paramedic Supervisor Ann Pach-McCartney, TCA EMT Gabrielle Bouchard and Captain Aaron Mohr, Firefighter Nick Johnson, and Firefighter Sam Ricotta were recognized for a code save after a witnessed cardiac arrest. The collaborative efforts from both agencies working together resulted in another successful patient outcome.

In both cases, the patients were able to leave the hospital within days of suffering cardiac arrest.

Please take a moment in congratulating these providers for a job well done.

I encourage you to reach out to any member of Big Lakes for a provider in your agency who goes above and beyond as we would like to recognize them. We often do not recognize our providers enough.