

TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL IN RECOGNITION AND COMMENDATION OF EMS WEEK

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2024, a visitor to our community suffered a sudden cardiac arrest, an event requiring immediate and coordinated action to preserve life; and

WHEREAS, bystanders promptly recognized the signs of cardiac arrest, activated the 911 system without hesitation, and initiated CPR, establishing the first two critical links in the Chain of Survival; and

WHEREAS, the skilled 911 call takers provided essential guidance and support to those on scene, reinforcing the importance of high-quality chest compressions until help arrived; and

WHEREAS, public safety dispatchers efficiently coordinated the response, ensuring that police officers, firefighters, and EMS personnel were swiftly notified and deployed; and

WHEREAS, responding police officers and firefighters provided critical early intervention, and EMS providers delivered advanced life support measures, including defibrillation, airway management, and medication administration; and

WHEREAS, this seamless collaboration across disciplines led to the successful resuscitation of the patients, who have since returned to their normal activities of daily living, a powerful testament to the effectiveness of a strong Chain of Survival.

NOW, THEREFORE, during EMS Week, we proudly recognize and commend each individual who played a role in this extraordinary outcome: the bystanders whose quick action saved precious minutes, the telecommunicators whose calm leadership anchored the early response, and the first responders and EMS professionals whose expertise and tenuwork made survival possible.

Be it Further Resolved that this Proclamation be spread upon the official minutes of this meeting as an expression of the Town's highest regard for its first responders and EMS professionals.

Let this proclamation serve as a lasting tribute to the power of preparation, partnership, and perseverance in saving lives.

Taken under our hands this 27th day of May 2025.

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WHEREAS, on March 13, 2025, a member of our community suffered a sudden cardiac arrest, an event requiring immediate and coordinated action to preserve life; and

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Honoring Our Lifesaving Heroes | EMS Week Recognition

On behalf of the Rhode Island State Police, we are proud to join the Town of Charlestown in recognizing two exceptional 911 telecommunicators, **Kristina Allen** and **Jenna Cardello**, for their calm, decisive action and critical role in a recent life-saving emergency.

During two separate cardiac arrest events on August 20, 2024 and March 13, 2025, Kristina and Jenna provided vital guidance and unwavering support to bystanders at the scene, ensuring that CPR was initiated immediately and sustained effectively until first responders arrived. Their leadership and coordination were instrumental in preserving life and activating a seamless emergency response.

Their efforts—alongside Charlestown Fire Chief **Andrew Kettle**, police officers, firefighters, EMS professionals, and courageous bystanders—represent the best of Rhode Island's emergency response community. Together, this dedicated team demonstrated the true strength of the **Chain of Survival**, resulting in the full recovery of the patients.

We commend and thank all involved for their professionalism, skill, and humanity. Your actions remind us that behind every call for help, there are real people who rise to the moment and make a difference.

Det this recognition during EMS Week serve as a powerful tribute to the importance of preparation, teamwork, and the shared commitment to saving lives.

#EMSWeek #RhodeIslandStrong #FirstResponders #911Telecommunicators #RISP #LifesavingWork #CharlestownRI #PublicSafety #ThankYou