

Cardiac Arrest Survivor to Reunite with First Responders Who Saved His Life

Virginia Beach, Va. – On October 21, 2023, David Preuss suffered a cardiac arrest at his home. Thanks to the swift actions of his wife, who called 911 and performed CPR under the guidance of Emergency Communications Center staff, and the rapid response of Virginia Beach emergency personnel, Mr. Preuss survived overwhelming odds.

Virginia Beach EMS, Fire, and Police arrived within six minutes of dispatch. Emergency responders provided advanced life support, including multiple defibrillations, airway management, and IV medications. After 31 minutes of resuscitation efforts, they successfully regained his pulse. Despite being placed in a coma and suffering multiple organ failures, Mr. Preuss made a remarkable recovery.

On March 27, Mr. Preuss was eager to meet and personally thank the first responders who played a crucial role in saving his life.