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Electrocution Victim 'Thanked' SFD for Saving His Life



Today, at the Shreveport Fire Department's Administration office, SFD firefighters and paramedics from Engine 3, Medic 10 and Car 83 got a special visit from a 23 year old patient who was revived after being breathless and pulseless from an electrocution which occurred June 23, 2014 at Querbes and 70th Street.

Sequence of Events:

- Male electrocuted with high transmission line June 23, 2014 at 11:27 AM
- Male unresponsive and not breathing
- Engine 3, only blocks away, is on-scene at 11:31 AM
- CPR initiated at 11:32 AM
- Mechanical CPR device activated at 11:35 AM

- First manual defibrillation shock initiated at 11:38 AM
- IV therapy started at 11:40 AM
- Four additional manual defibrillation shocks given but patient condition unchanged
- Additional IV therapy at 11:51 AM—patient improves
- Sixth manual defibrillation shock given at 11:57 AM—patient heart improves to Pulseless Electrical Activity
- CPR continued—patient arrives in University Health ER at 11:57 AM with a pulse
- After induced hypothermia treatment at hospital, patient was awakened on July 4, 2014

Nathaniel Johnson stopped by to tell first responders, “I don’t remember anything about that day. Doctors say I am a miracle. Thank y’all from the bottom of my heart.”

“This life saving EMS incident represents the professionalism and the highly skilled training of our Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians and how God orchestrated them being in exactly the right place at exactly the right time to save Nathan's life. I want to personally express my gratitude to those professional firefighters that responded that day and I am proud and honored to work with them”, said Fire Chief Scott Wolverton.

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