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SUFFOLK POLICE OFFICER SAVES A LIFE

SUFFOLK, VA (January 9, 2014) Suffolk Police Officers are known for being there when needed. Officer William Bradshaw did not hesitate when it came to responding to a recent emergency and, in the process, saved the life of a resident.

On January 4, 2014, Officer Bradshaw responded to a call for service related to a 38 year old woman suffering a cardiac/respiratory emergency in the 100 block of Hamer Road. Upon arrival, Bradshaw observed that the woman appeared to be unresponsive and not breathing. The victim had been in a conflict with family members, and in the course of the disturbance, had fallen to the ground and stopped breathing.

Officer Bradshaw performed a mouth sweep but did not find anything. Officer Bradshaw began rescue breathing and the victim gasped for air. Bradshaw then performed a series of mouth sweeps and recovered several large pieces of chewing gum that had prevented the victim from breathing. Upon removal of the gum, the victim began to breathe on her own with EMS personnel arriving and taking over treatment.

The victim was transported to Sentara Obici Hospital and received treatment for non-life threatening symptoms. It was because of the quick actions of Officer Bradshaw and his CPR training that he was able to assist the victim in this choking incident. Suffolk Police Chief Thomas Bennett noted, "I am very proud of Officer Bradshaw for his quick thinking and his ability to effectively apply the training he was provided."

Officer Bradshaw has been with the Suffolk Police Department since May 2005. He will be nominated for a Suffolk Police Department Life Saving Award.