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Correction Officers Save 91 Year Old Heart Attack Victim at Charity Golf Tournament

Yorktown Heights – A 91 year old golf ranger at the Mahansic Golf Club in Yorktown Heights suffered a heart attack in the parking lot of the golf course and was saved by correction officers and a NYPD officer who administered CPR and used an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to revive the victim before EMS arrived.

The victim, a long time employee at the golf course, was getting out of his golf cart in the parking lot on the afternoon of June 9. He had just finished working as a ranger for the Thomas Fitzgerald Memorial Golf Tournament sponsored by the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. The victim immediately collapsed to the ground. Officers James Moore and Tai Tedder, both who work at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, Derek Bernard, a NYPD officer, Roy Snyder, Deputy Superintendent of Security at Bedford and retired correction officer Chuck Koemm were in the parking lot at the time and saw the victim collapse.

The men rushed over to the victim and immediately realized that the victim was not breathing and did not have a pulse. Bernard ran to the pro shop office to retrieve the AED. While he was doing that, the other men started to administer CPR. Bernard returned to the scene with the AED and the device indicated that the victim did not have a heart rhythm and to administer an electric shock. The AED was activated and shocked the victim.

EMS arrived and took over treatment of the victim. When paramedics checked him, he now had a pulse. They transported him to Hudson Valley Hospital Center for further treatment.

He is still currently hospitalized but his condition is improving. His name is not being released at this time.

The Thomas Fitzgerald Memorial Golf Tournament is hosted by NYSCOPBA members from the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. The inaugural tournament benefits a charity set up for the son of retired Bedford Hills Deputy Superintendent of Security Thomas Fitzgerald. His son died of cancer several years ago.

“The quick and alert actions of all the men that responded that day at Mahansic Golf Course was instrumental in saving the life of a cherished life-long employee at the golf course. I am extremely proud of our current and retired NYSCOPBA members whose actions certainly saved the life of the victim that day. Everyone came together for a fun day of golf and to support a great cause. In addition to the cause that day, the heroic actions taken by all those involved surely will have positive impact on the victim’s family. We wish the victim a full and speedy recovery,” stated Southern Region Vice President Willie Perez.

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