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Charleston County EMS Employees to be Honored for Saving a Life

County Council will recognize EMS and other public safety employees for their efforts to save a two-year old child.

Charleston County EMS employees Reggie Davis and Tonya Chapman will be recognized for their life saving efforts by [Charleston County Council](#) during its meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Public Services Building, located at 4045 Bridge View Drive in North Charleston.

On July 21, two parents and their injured two-year-old child arrived at St. Johns Fire Station in need of help. The child was unresponsive and turning blue as firefighters started basic life support measures to help the child breath. The child's condition remained severe when EMS employees Chapman and Davis arrived on scene. Both determined it was necessary to continue airway-clearing maneuvers with the child in a face down position. Their efforts paid off when the marble stuck in the child's throat fell to the ground. The child's breathing, overall condition and activity level improved as EMS continued care and transported the child to the local hospital.

"As a 30-year EMS veteran, I am extremely impressed with the level of professional care and concern demonstrated by all of the rescuers," said Davis. "Their training, knowledge and quick decision making were instrumental in saving the life of this child."

Emergency Medical Services:

The Charleston County Emergency Medical Service Department (CCEMS) provides medical care and transportation to hospital emergency departments for citizens and visitors to Charleston County. CCEMS also provides field emergency medical support services which require specialized training and equipment; support to hazardous materials response teams and hazardous materials clean-up operations throughout the county and assistance to area law enforcement agencies through the nationally recognized Special Weapons and Tactics Medic program.

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