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Kent County Paramedic Receives a Rare Award

Dover, Del. – Today, Kent County Department of Public Safety Director Kevin Sipple, Deputy Chief John Tinger as well as Kent County Levy Court Commissioners Robert Scott & Terry Pepper issued a rare award to an employee who took a great personal risk to save the life of a Kent County resident. On January 20, 2024, in the early morning hours just after midnight, a critical emergency unfolded at 10 W Front Street in Frederica. A distressing 911 call at 1:39 AM alerted authorities to a working house fire in a duplex, with potential lives at stake. Amidst the chaos, Paramedic Michael Porter, operating solo on KM10, responded swiftly, demonstrating exceptional bravery and skill. For this, Paramedic Porter received the Medal of Valor, which is only available to Kent County Paramedics or Dispatchers.

With an astute initial assessment, Paramedic Porter identified the severity of the situation, observing significant flames engulfing the structure. Despite the daunting scene, his resolve remained unshaken, especially upon learning from bystanders of an elderly woman trapped within. Mr. Porter's meticulous evaluation of the scene ensured that he could guide the rescue efforts effectively, pinpointing the second floor's side C as the critical entry point for the rescue operation.

Demonstrating remarkable tenacity and courage, Paramedic Porter located the endangered resident on the interior stairs, swiftly devising a safe extraction path. His leadership and clarity not only safeguarded the woman's life but also set a commendable standard for the responding teams, encapsulating the exemplary conduct expected of Kent County Paramedics.

Paramedic Porter's actions that night - his swift assessment, decisive communication, and unwavering commitment to saving a life, even at great personal risk - epitomize the valor and

integrity we honor today. It is with great admiration and gratitude that we present this award to him, a true embodiment of heroism and dedication in the face of peril.



Pictured: Deputy John Tinger, Chief Kevin Sipple, Paramedic Michael Porter, Commissioner Robert Scott, and Commissioner Terry Pepper.

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