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Survivor, Shawn W.

Below is a letter from the Town of Gilbert's Fire Chief to the Town of Gilbert's Chief of Police, commending the actions of an off duty police officer and his wife, when former firefighter Shawn W. collapsed while working out.

*Chief Dorn,*

*I wanted to make you aware of the impact one of your off duty officers had tonight. One of our former Firefighters went into cardiac arrest while working out at his gym. Det. R. Barnhart and his wife began CPR immediately and continued until the arrival of the fire department. The crew was able to administer adrenaline and shock his heart back to a normal rhythm with a pulse. A short time later he began breathing on his own. He was taken to Mercy Gilbert where he was breathing and speaking to his wife.*

*His life was saved, in large part, due to the actions of officer Barnhart and his wife. I just thought you should know the good work your officers are doing out there. I also wanted to say thank you to the Police Department for your efforts. We don't thank people enough around here and we definitely don't say "good job" enough around here. I hope to help change that.*

*Thank you and good job.*