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## **San Francisco Fire Chief Recognizes Good Samaritans**

(San Francisco, CA – August 21, 2012) On Thursday, August 23, 2012, San Francisco's Fire Chief will publicly recognize a number of Good Samaritans before the Fire Commission at the regularly scheduled 5PM meeting. Many heroic actions will be recognized including those of a young man who dove into the chilly bay water to rescue a man from a submerging vehicle, those of a woman who, while eating at a local restaurant, sprang into action to save the life of another choking patron, and many more.

"These are really the unsung heroes. Ordinary people just going about their day suddenly confronted with a life and death situation, making the choice to put their own lives on the line for the sake of another", said Chief Joanne Hayes-White. "They must be acknowledged in some way."

Present at this meeting will be a man by the name of Carlos Monfiglio who, with his 8 year old son watching and without warning, suffered sudden cardiac arrest in the middle of a soccer field, on August 14, 2011. One of his teammates, Matt Pretzer, initiated life-saving CPR. As a result of early bystander CPR and resuscitative efforts by San Francisco Fire Department members, Ambulance Paramedics and skilled Emergency Room staff, Carlos celebrated his 44th birthday with his wife and 4 children by his side. Chief Hayes-White will tell the rest of the story on Thursday evening.

**When:** Thursday, August 23, 2012  
5:00 PM

**Where:** San Francisco Fire Department Headquarters  
698 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fire Commission Room

**\*\*\* SPECIAL MEDIA OPPORTUNITY at 4:30PM\*\*\***

At 4:30 PM, in the Lobby, there will be a special event, reuniting a 21 year old cardiac arrest survivor with his rescuers. This event is open to the MEDIA. You won't want to miss it!!

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