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GOLDER RANCH FIREFIGHTER FAMILY GIVES THE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT TO ONE OF THEIR OWN

On November 1, 2017, at 7:00 AM, Captain Alfred Valencia was driving to work at Golder Ranch Fire District from Oracle, AZ when he used his paramedic training and experience to quickly assess that he was experiencing an acute allergic reaction. His symptoms quickly escalated to the degree that he was not able to make a call to 911, fortunately at this point he was right by a Golder Ranch Fire station in SaddleBrooke and went into the fire station where the crew was able to provide emergency medical care. The crew quickly assessed the severity of Captain Valencia's anaphylactic reaction and provided aggressive treatment while transporting him to a local hospital where he was admitted to the intensive care unit. Thankfully, he was released shortly thereafter and has since returned to work.

The crew on duty for his medical emergency was recognized today at the Golder Ranch Fire District Board Meeting for their quick action and excellent patient care provided to Captain Valencia. The crew included Firefighter Paramedic Randy Scholey, Firefighter Paramedic Justin Flynn, Firefighter Paramedic Peter Paddock, Firefighter EMT Ruben Figueroa, Firefighter Engineer Kyle Rhein, and Captain Jeremy North.

"Thank you for what you did for me and thank you for giving my family this gift." said Captain Valencia when he addressed the crew this morning.

Captain Valencia further commented that he knows he would have been in capable hands no matter which crew was on duty and he is so fortunate that the outcome was this positive. He now carries an Epi Pen with him at all times and is forever grateful for his Golder Ranch family who saved his life on that day.

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