



Press Release

Local Paratransit Driver Recognized for Heroic Effort

Quick thinking saves passenger's life

Plano, Texas, November 15, 2011 – Paratransit driver, John Murray was recognized during the Plano City Council Meeting Monday night for saving the life of a DART passenger. Council members acknowledged Murray for his quick actions while transporting a disabled passenger whose breathing apparatus stopped functioning.

Murray, a Veolia Transportation employee who drives for DART Paratransit service, called for fire and rescue paramedics and summoned a nearby policeman who began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. According to Veolia Transportation General Manager Maurice Bell, “the passenger’s condition was so fragile that paramedics determined he could not be moved from the vehicle, leaving Mr. Murray to drive the passenger and the fire rescue team to the emergency room at the Medical Center in Plano.”

In thanking the council for the recognition Murray said, “Thanks to everyone for this. I was merely doing my job and I thank God for providing me the opportunity to help my passenger in his time of need.”

John Murray has been a Veolia Transportation employee for 11 years. Married for 22 years, he and his wife Tammye Murray have a son and a daughter and five grandchildren.

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