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## **Heart attack victim meets and thanks 911 call taker**

*~~Pasco County 911 call taker helped save man's life~~*

**PASCO COUNTY, FL** ---- A Pasco County 911 call taker who helped save a New Port Richey man's life last month heard the simple, but powerful words, "Thank you," during an emotional meeting with retired police officer Jerry Carlson and his wife Linda Friday, November 18, 2016.

Jerry and Linda reached out to Pasco County Emergency Services, wanting to personally thank Rebecca Demedeiros for helping save Jerry's life when he suffered a heart attack.

Rebecca took the frantic, 911 call October 8, 2016 from Jerry's daughter. Rebecca calmly explained how to perform CPR, staying on the line for about ten minutes before paramedics arrived. Rebecca was able to give detailed directions to both Jerry's daughter and his wife Linda as they switched off doing CPR – counting the compressions out loud along with them. (A recording of the 911 call is available here: <https://youtu.be/5OtiigCxpTw>.)

"She just kept us focused," said Linda Carlson. "If it wasn't for her, he wouldn't be here today. He would've been long gone."

"It's amazing; it really is," said Pasco County Emergency Services Communications Officer Rebecca Demedeiros. "To actually have someone come in and get a hug and to see them smiling."

The Carlsons also had a chance to reunite with and thank Pasco County Fire Rescue Paramedic Thomas Casey, one of the first responders to arrive on scene and take over CPR.

Click on the following links for photos of the meeting:

<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/DocumentCenter/View/27543>

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Rebecca started working as a Pasco County Emergency Services Communications Officer just over a year ago, on September 28, 2015. She also helped deliver a baby boy this past July.