

# County Honors “Everyday Heroes”

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On August 27, shortly after noon, a construction worker collapsed in cardiac arrest at the headquarters of MedImmune in Quince Orchard Park.

Three coworkers immediately called 911 and started CPR. They also utilized an automated external defibrillator (AED) that was on site before paramedics arrived.

“The colleagues are credited with saving the victim’s life and enabling him to recover quickly and return to work within a month,” said Donna Bigler, assistant director of Montgomery County’s Public Information Department.

On October 5, Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett and other county officials recognized Steve Cumpston, Dean Haught and Kyle Murphy as “everyday heroes” along with three people who helped save others in separate incidents.

“The individuals that we are honoring today have all demonstrated courage and quick thinking, and a willingness to risk their own lives to help others,” said Leggett. “These individuals have made our community a safer place in which to live, and for that we are grateful.”

“These heroes inspire us by their actions and remind us that helping people in peril is a responsibility of us all,” said County Council member Phil Andrews.

The three other heroes honored include: security guard Nicholas Ayers, who helped evacuate 49 residents to safety during a four alarm fire at the Manor Apartments on December 29; pool operator Tiffany Miles, who pulled a 3-year-old child from the bottom of a pool on June 13 in Burtonsville; and FedEx driver Earl Spence, who was making a delivery in Laytonsville on July 7 when he noted a van parked in an embankment with three senior citizens locked inside, two of whom were unconscious. Spence is credited with saving the lives of the seniors, who have since recovered but may have succumbed to the gasoline fumes that were leaking from a gas can inside the vehicle.

The heroes recognized for their actions at MedImmune’s construction site are contractors working in area six and not employees of the company.