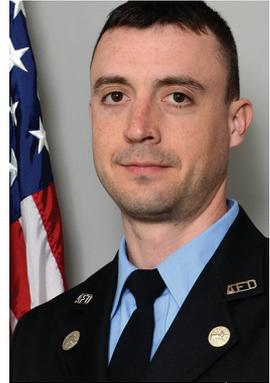


Firefighter Michael Faber, Certificate of Valor Firefighter Daryoush Hematti, Certificate of Valor

On April 8, firefighters and medics were dispatched for the report of an unconscious adult person. Engine 209 and EMS232 were the first units to arrive on the scene. They found an adult male lying face down on the living room floor and moaning. As the EMS team attempted to talk him, the patient started moaning louder and he began rocking. Suddenly, the patient started screaming and began to get up on his hands and knees. The mother of the patient was on scene and informed the firefighters and medics that her son had been doing PCP prior to arrival. She also stated that the patient had an infant daughter in the bedroom.



At this point the firefighters and medics started to back up to give the patient some room and provide room for safety. Police were requested to be dispatched to assist. The patient suddenly lurched up onto his feet and lunged at Firefighter Michael Faber, pinning him against the wall in the corner of the living room. He was screaming, scratching, spitting, and would not release Firefighter Faber.

Firefighter Daryoush Hematti immediately went to help Firefighter Faber, who was trying to fend off the patient and to push him back.



Firefighter Hematti was able to jump on the back of the patient and, with the assistance of Firefighter Faber, they were able to get the patient onto the ground. Knowing that the patient's mother and infant daughter were still in the apartment, the firefighters continued to restrain the patient on the ground. The subject fought the entire time. With both firefighters on him, he was able to lift them both off the ground several inches multiple times. He was constantly scratching, spitting and foaming at the mouth. The subject was larger and heavier than the firefighter and, having used PCP,

he possessed an extraordinary amount of strength. Despite all of this and the obvious danger to themselves, the firefighters kept the subject restrained for the safety of his family and others at the scene.

It is important to note, the entire time, the firefighters were trying to talk to the patient, calm him down, ensured that he had an adequate airway and was not being injured by being restrained.

The firefighters were able to restrain the patient so that medics could administer medication to help calm the patient and police could take him into custody. Only then did the firefighter release their hold on the patient. Once the patient was safely placed into a medic unit for transport to Alexandria Hospital, it was noticed that both Firefighter Faber and Firefighter Hematti had suffered minor injuries during the performance of their duties. Both firefighters were taken to Alexandria Hospital, treated and released.

Without the quick and decisive actions of Firefighter Michael Faber and Firefighter Daryoush Hematti that this incident could have turned out much different and potentially deadly for the family of the patient, personnel on the scene, and the patient himself. We award both Firefighter Faber and Firefighter Daryoush the Certificate of Valor.