

## 2014 Valor Awards — Pedestrian Rescue

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On December 28, Engine 208 and Medic 208, along with an EMS supervisor and battalion chief, were dispatched to the 5300 block of Duke Street for a report of a pedestrian struck by a car. This location is right across the street from Fire Station 208 and, although the crew of Truck 208 was not initially dispatched to the incident, they recognized the potential severity of the call and quickly went across the street to help.

Upon arrival, they found the victim had been backed over and then dragged by a car. The car then crashed into a building with the victim still underneath. The victim was clearly severely injured. Firefighters and medics realized that setting up all the equipment to stabilize and lift the car would take too much time. The firefighters acted quickly and lifted the car with their hands while the medics rapidly extricated the victim.

Once extricated, the victim was found to be unresponsive with extensive injuries to his chest, head and extremities. Knowing they were working on borrowed time, the firefighters and medics quickly got the victim ready for transport to Inova Fairfax Hospital. The medics began treating his injuries en route to the trauma center. Medics arrived at Inova Fairfax Hospital only 25 minutes after the initial call was dispatched. The victim was assessed by the trauma team and taken to the operating room. Despite his extensive injuries, the victim is alive today because of the quick response and actions of the medics and firefighters. They acted without hesitation to save the victim's life.

Captain Joseph Beavan, Lieutenant David Lukes, and Firefighters William Dunleavy, Devon Kuny, Glenn Ross and Ronald Samuel are awarded Life Saving Awards. Medics Catherine Kroohs and Nancy McFadden are awarded Certificates of Valor.



Joseph Beavan



David Lukes



William Dunleavy



Devon Kuny



Glenn Ross



Ronald Samuel



Catherine Kroohs



Nancy McFadden