



Trenton Police honor Williamstown nurse for her quick thinking in saving a life

Officer Steve Austin and Esther Wentz.jpg

The Trenton Police Department recently awarded a Certificate of Commendation to civilian Esther Wentz, Williamstown. Pictured, Officer Steven Austin and Esther Wentz. (*William Osterman*)

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The Trenton Police Department recently awarded a Certificate of Commendation to civilian Esther Wentz, Williamstown, at an awards ceremony honoring several officers and civilians at the Masonic Temple, 100 Barracks St., Trenton.

While making her rounds visiting clients, Esther Wentz, a registered nurse at Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services (PHHC) in Mount Laurel, noticed a pedestrian had fallen to the ground while crossing the street. She jumped from her car, realized the man was not breathing, and administered CPR until EMTs arrived.

When Police Officer Steven Austin arrived at the scene, he found an unresponsive man with a laceration on his face from the fall. Wentz and Joshua Levy, a firefighter, had already begun to help the man. Wentz administered chest compressions while Levy and Officer Austin assisted in giving first aid. The man was later transported to St. Francis Medical Center where he recovered.

Cynthia Spencer, client services manager at PHHC, Mt. Laurel, said, "We at Preferred congratulate one of our Mount Laurel team members Esther Wentz for receiving a Commendation Award from the City of Trenton Police Department for her quick thinking and nursing skills. We are so proud of our Esther."

Wentz, who attended Temple University, graduated from Penn State, Abington, Pennsylvania, with an A.A. in Arts and Science. She received her R.N. from Frankford Hospital School of Nursing, Philadelphia, in 1999 and worked in the home care industry and hospitals until 2013 when she joined PHHC in Mount Laurel.

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