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Chicago Mayor Honors SALF Instructor

On April 9, 2003 at an assembly of the City Council of the City of Chicago, Mayor Richard M. Daley recognized the heroics of two Emergency Medical Technicians, one being a SALF Instructor and Ambulance Commander, Clinton Elmore. Commander Elmore, and Paramedic Kirk were honored with a resolution for their astonishing, life-saving actions on January 5, 2003 that Elmore calls, "Duty as usual."

At 5:00 a.m. on January 5, 2003, Ambulance 52 of the Chicago Fire Department was dispatched to aid a three-week-old baby that was having difficulty breathing. While in transit and a half-block to its location on 4300 West Belden Avenue, a car swerved in front of the rescue vehicle. The driver of the car jumped out, yelling his friend had been shot, while at the same moment a member of the infant's family frantically waved for the ambulance. Commander Elmore immediately called for another ambulance, and both men attended to the victims.

Commander Elmore administered critical life supporting first aid to the gunshot victim, as his partner, Paramedic Kirk, arrived at the home of the baby and administered first aid with a bag valve mask. Soon after, the second ambulance arrived helping to stabilize the baby's condition and taking the child to Norwegian American Hospital. Commander Elmore continued to administer care to the gunshot victim in Ambulance 52, until their arrival at Illinois Masonic Medical Center.

Due to the quick-thinking and heroic work of Commander Elmore and Paramedic Kirk, both victims are alive today.

"This event is a prime example of the heroism performed daily by Chicago Fire Department," says Daley in the Resolution given April 9, 2003. This statement supports the goals of *Save A Life Foundation* during the week of May 18-24, 2004, better known as *Save A Life Week*. These days have been recognized by 205 municipalities, 19 States, 1 U.S. Territory, and the U.S. House of Representatives to observe the invaluable efforts of Good Samaritans and EMS workers during emergencies. Save A Life Week, which runs in conjunction with EMS Week, also expresses SALF's intent to encourage citizens of all ages to become trained with Life Supporting First Aid skills.