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Great Catch of the Month: Recognizing Paramedics Michael Cerame, Glenn Watson and Paramedic Student Michael Bubb

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ALS Unit 454 staffed by Paramedics Michael Cerame, Glenn Watson and Paramedic Student Michael Bubb, were dispatched for a 9-1-1 call into Bayonne for a patient experiencing chest pain. They were initially told the patient should be transported to the closest hospital, Bayonne Medical Center. However, Unit 454 had situational awareness that Bayonne Medical Center was on "Code Heart divert" (they did not currently have the resources to receive potential heart attack patients). With a questioning attitude and clarifying question, Unit 454 cross-checked the plan and confirmed that the patient was having a STEMI heart attack. Determining that Jersey City Medical Center was the closest, most appropriate destination able to care for this patient, they acted swiftly and safely, with the patient arriving to the ER only 22 minutes following initial contact. Congratulations to Unit 454 – your advocacy for the patient and true collaboration resulted in superior care!

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