



**NORTHWEST  
COMMUNITY  
EMERGENCY  
MEDICAL  
SERVICES  
SYSTEM**

## Certificate of Merit

The NWC EMS System presents this award in recognition for exceptional service and outstanding care that surpassed the call of duty while characterizing our System values of integrity, commitment, compassion, empathy and accountability.

To

**Battalion Chief Brett Haller**

Barrington Countryside Fire Protection District


On January 20, 2024, BC Haller was injured on duty in a motor vehicle collision. He was driving a Department Ford Expedition while responding to a call when he was struck by oncoming traffic that crossed over the center line.

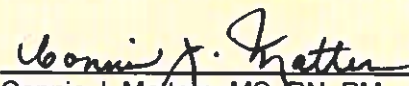
BC Haller self-extricated from the vehicle he was driving and somehow managed to tread through 300 feet of snow-covered terrain to provide aid to the occupants of the vehicle that hit him.

He executed his duties and assisted others despite experiencing his own trauma emergency that ultimately required surgery. Not only was he the initial first responder to care for the other car's occupants, but he also served his crews by continuing in his BC role and directing initial operations at the scene.

This act of selfless courage deserves recognition and commendation. He executed his duties with honor in a manner that reflected positively on himself, his organization, our profession, and the System. Bravo and well done!

Awarded on March 15, 2024

  
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