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MBTA and MBCR Recognize Lifesavers

Three customers recently saved a man's life on commuter rail platform

When: Thursday, September 22
9:00 A.M.

Where: MBCR Headquarters
89 South Street, 8th Floor
Boston

What: The MBTA and the MBCR will be presenting three awards to the men in recognition of their quick action to protect the well-being of a man who had suffered from cardiac arrest on the West Newton commuter rail platform on Monday, August 22nd.

Who: **Dean Bonis**, Framingham resident
David Perry, Ashland resident
Gary Dragoon, Wayland resident

Why: On the morning of August 22nd, a man collapsed on the platform of the West Newton commuter rail station. On the platform, customer Gary Dragoon responded immediately to assist the stricken man while the commuter rail train approached. One the train arrived at the station, a customer ran onto the train and asked for assistance. Dean Bonis and David Perry rushed off the train to help Dragoon. Together, the three stabilized the man's condition prior to arrival of emergency medical assistance. Physicians later cited the customers' quick action with saving the life of the ill customer.

The MBTA and MBCR are dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of their passengers. The Massachusetts Commuter Rail was the first commuter rail in the nation to require AEDs onboard every train, which are essential lifesaving equipment.

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