



SUPPORTING SULLY

On Sunday October 6th, 2013 the North Palos Fire Protection District Truck 804 responded auto-aid to Palos Fire Protection District for a reported house fire. When the companies arrived on the scene they were met with a fully involved attic fire, with reports of the elderly residents still in the house. Truck 804 teamed up with the Palos Engine Companies inside the front door of the living room to pull ceiling and expose the fire. However, within a matter of minutes a 12X16 foot section of the ceiling (which was constructed of approximately 2 inches thick plaster/cement) landed on top of the crew. Several firefighters were able to escape out of the front door, three were able to escape through a window in another room and two members remained trapped. One of the firefighters was unconscious and quickly pulled out by fellow firefighters. That left the final firefighter Michael "Sully" Sullivan trapped under approximately 5300 pounds of the plaster/cement ceiling. Sully had to make that call that every firefighter dreads to hear much less having to make...a **MAYDAY** call. He was unable to move. It took fellow firefighters from Palos, Palos Heights and North Palos F. P. D.'s several minutes to extricate and remove him from the building.

Three firefighters were transported to area hospitals. Two of the firefighters were able to return to work after recovering from their injuries in two to three weeks. Michael "Sully" Sullivan suffered the worst injuries. He suffered injury to both knees and a shoulder injury, all requiring surgery.

Michael "Sully" Sullivan has been a dedicated member of the North Palos Fire Protection District for the past 17 years were he has proudly served. Michael is a great friend and coworker to everyone that he has worked with. He is always helping us anytime we need him both professionally and personally. Now he needs our help. Michael "Sully" is a laid off Union Plumber; he was currently working as a part-time firefighter with North Palos Fire Protection District. He has a long road to recovery from his injuries, which he suffered doing what he loved best...**being a Firefighter**. He has already had one surgery on one of his knees and will have at least two more surgeries in the next few months.

As his extended family we are coming together to help him and his family through these tough times. The bills continue to come in and are starting to pile up, while the holidays are quickly approaching. We are asking you to please consider providing something to help make this a successful event. **We are soliciting donations from area businesses for raffle prizes, silent auction prizes and/or cash donations.** We would greatly appreciate any donations your business could provide. If a donation needs to be picked up, please contact us and we would be happy to arrange pick up.

On **Sunday December 8th**, we will be hosting a benefit for Michael "Sully" Sullivan. **The event will be held at Krapils Steakhouse & Patio, 6600 W. 111th Street, Worth, Illinois, from 12 to 3 PM.** With your help and the help of many we plan to have raffle prizes, silent auctions, and entertainment.

Your support is crucial to the success of this event. If you have any questions or require further information, you may contact our Donation Coordinator listed below. Also be sure to check the Benefit website (<http://supportingsully2013.weebly.com>) for more information and an update on Sully's road to recovery.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.
The Benefit Committee

Donation Coordinator Contact Information:

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Monetary donations can be made to the Michael Sullivan Benefit Fund @ any Private Bank or mail to:

Attention: Supporting Sully (Michael Sullivan Benefit)

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