## Mercer Sheriff's Officers respond to mile-high medical emergency

On May 28 at approximately 6 a.m., Frontier Airlines Flight 593 heading for Nashville, Tennessee was preparing for departure from the Trenton-Mercer Airport when a passenger became gravely ill. The 68 year-old male passenger from Hamilton, in his seat for takeoff, was unresponsive, barely breathing and suffering a suspected cardiac incident.

Airline flight attendants summoned two Sheriff's Officers, Anibal Santos and Ralph MacKelvey, from the airport's ramp area whereby they entered the passenger cabin and immediately administered medical attention. The officers utilized oxygen, a rebreather mask and an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) to electro-shock the victim. Lifesaving CPR continued thereafter by the officers until Airport Rescue Station 34 arrived. The victim was rushed to Capital Health Regional Medical Center in Hopewell, where he is listed in stable condition.

"I would like to extend my deepest concern for the wellbeing of the cardiac victim today and for his family," said Mercer County Sheriff Jack Kemler. "I would also like to commend Officers Santos and MacKelvey for their quick response to save the man's life. These highly trained officers are part of the Sheriff's Office's all-important Airport Unit and deserve our praise."

Added County Executive Brian Hughes: "The quick and





skillful actions of Officers Santos and MacKelvey likely saved the life of a passenger departing Trenton-Mercer Airport. Our officers and airport staff train for such emergencies, and in this case it appears the outcome was positive. We are hopeful for a speedy recovery for the patient, and our thoughts are with him and his family. I heartily commend these Mercer County Sheriff Officers for their professionalism.



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