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April 9, 2001

Mr. Steven Farzam  
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Dear Mr. Farzam;

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in the prosecution of the People v. Miguel Sandoval (#1VN00101) case. With your assistance we were able to obtain the conviction of Mr. Sandoval for driving under the influence.

From the beginning, your efforts have been key in both the apprehension and the conviction in this case. Your diligence in recognizing Mr. Sandoval's erratic driving, notifying the police and following him until the police could apprehend him is commendable. Additionally your presence in court, and your willingness to assist in any way necessary were significant factors in gaining the conviction.

Taking one's time to get "involved", such as you did, is truly admirable behavior, and is great benefit to the general public. Your conduct is laudable, and I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Laura Van Eyk  
Assistant Supervisor  
Van Nuys Criminal Branch

CC: Councilperson Cindy Miscikowski

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May 18, 1999

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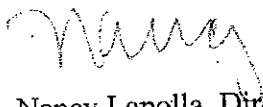
Dear Mr. Farzam:

On behalf of Santa Barbara County, the Emergency Medical Services agency would like to acknowledge your role in the safety and well-being of our community. EMS week honors paramedics, physicians, nurses, and EMS personnel. Moreover, this week confirms the importance of quality care provided within our region.

As we approach the millennium we may remind ourselves of the challenges ahead. EMS is exciting because it is always changing and adapting to new demands and possibilities, undiscovered ideas and innovative solutions.

Your dedication and hard work make the system what it is. The citizens of, and visitors to, Santa Barbara County depend upon your rapid response and collaborative spirit. It is this that enhances the dependability of the EMS system. We are proud to be a part of the team and look forward to combining our collective talent and energy to continue improving our system.

Sincerely,



Nancy Lapolla, Director  
Emergency Medical Services

c: Angelo Salvucci, M.D.

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Mr. Steve Farzam  
2022 Cliff Drive # 133  
Santa Barbara, California 93109

March 20, 1998

*Subject: Letter of Commendation*

*Dear Mr. Farzam,*

*I would like to take this opportunity to commend you for your involvement in apprehending a drunk driver who caused a traffic collision in which several people were injured.*

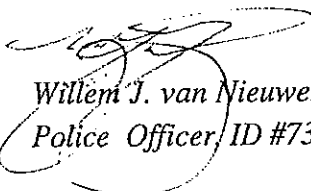
*On March 10, 1998 at approximately eight o' clock in the evening, you were driving behind a truck that was weaving dangerously from side to side across two traffic lanes. You correctly assumed the driver was significantly impaired and took immediate action.*

*You positioned your vehicle directly behind the violator and signaled other unsuspecting drivers, warning them away. You used your cellular telephone to alert the University of California Police Department and stayed on the line to keep responding officers informed of the violator's location.*

*The violator collided with a car that was stopped for a red traffic signal, causing a chain reaction which involved three other vehicles and resulted in seven people suffering injuries. The timely information you provided allowed the first emergency personnel to arrive at the scene within seconds.*

*You even detained the uncooperative violator and handed him over to arriving police officers. The violator was subsequently evaluated and charged with felony driving under the influence of alcohol.*

*Steve, your involvement made a real difference. Thanks for a job well done!*

  
Willem J. van Nieuwenhuize  
Police Officer, ID #736

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May 4, 1998

Mr. Steve Farzam  
2022 Cliff Drive #133  
Santa Barbara, CA 93109

RE: Thank You

Dear Mr. Farzam:

I, too, would like to offer my appreciation to those expressed by Officer van Nieuwenhuize for your assistance in the apprehension of a suspected drunk driver.

I have read the arrest report and it is evident you used good judgment in initially avoiding the suspect's vehicle, and thereafter in alerting other unsuspecting drivers. You used your cellular phone to notify our department.

Unfortunately the suspected drunk driver collided with another vehicle that resulted in a chain reaction accident that injured several others. You assisted in the suspect's arrest and I trust you will be a valuable witness, should the driver plead not guilty.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John L. MacPherson, Jr.", written over a circular stamp or seal.

John L. MacPherson, Jr.  
Chief of Police

/s

cc: Officer van Nieuwenhuize

# Around Chula Vista

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## MEET STEVE FARZAM AND HIS SIDEKICK SCOOTER

### *Volunteer Is Hero at Hospital and in Community*

*(One issue of Around Chula Vista each quarter features a cover story on an employee who is making a difference at the hospital and in the community.)*



If you've spent much time around the hospital, chances are you know Steve Farzam of Volunteer Services. Even if you do not know Steve, you might have seen him roaming the halls with his dog Scooter. The six-year-old chocolate lab currently serves as Scripps Mercy Chula Vista's only pet therapy dog. "Patients love seeing him, and sometimes they get emotional," Steve said. "Even the staff gets excited to see him. It's amazing to see their reactions when I bring in Scooter."

Originally a police narcotics dog, Scooter was forced to retire because of blindness in one of his eyes. Scooter is also losing vision in his other eye, but Steve said it has not slowed him down. "He's always anxious to come to the hospital," Steve shared, "and I think patients can maybe relate to him better because of the blindness."

Steve originally came to Scripps Mercy Chula Vista to work as a paramedic intern in the Emergency Room and is now certified with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians®. Recently, that experience came in handy. While off duty, he saw a car slam into a rail and wrap around a pole on the 125 toll road.

As he approached, he noticed that the car had caught fire, and a man was pinned inside. Steve pulled over, and once he decided that he could safely intervene, he took action. Using an extinguisher he always carries in his trunk, Steve put out the fire. The victim was unconscious and had an arm and both his legs pinned under the steering column. Steve was able to keep the victim's airway open until fire crews arrived. He also assisted with breathing for the victim until he could be extricated from the vehicle.

Since the accident, Steve has twice visited the victim, who suffered severe burns and other injuries but is still able to walk. "The family is very grateful," Steve indicated. "They call me an angel and have really expressed their gratitude." Rescue personnel in the community have also taken notice of Steve's life-saving work. He's been nominated by the Chula Vista Fire Department for the National Hero of the Year Award. "I just reacted and did what I thought was right," Steve claimed, "but it is nice to receive that kind of honor from the community."

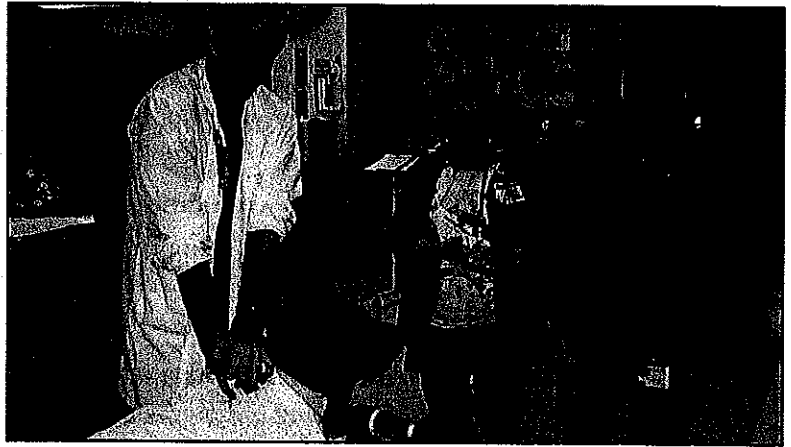


*Steve assisted the accident victim until first responders arrived.*

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Steve is now passing on what he has learned through his work, both on and off-duty, to others. He is currently in the midst of his first year teaching EMT Services at Southwestern College.

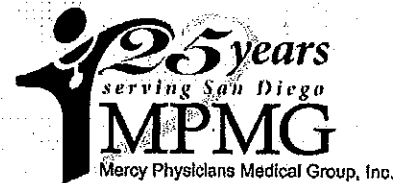
"I love having my own class," he shared. "There are great people there, and I love giving back to the community." Of course, Steve also will continue to serve patients at the hospital, with some help from Scooter. "It's the most rewarding feeling to bring Scooter in and make someone's night. It's something I'll continue to do."



*Scooter at his best with the hospital staff.*

## SERVING THE COMMUNITY FOR 25 YEARS

April 22 marks the 25th Anniversary of Mercy Physicians Medical Group's service to San Diego County patients. In April 1983 a group of 80 specialists and primary care physicians formed Mercy Physicians Medical Group (MPMG) and, in conjunction with [then] Mercy Hospital, began providing care to patients in the San Diego area. MPMG has grown to include more than 75 internal medicine, general practice and family practice physicians with more than 150 affiliated specialists. MPMG partners with Scripps Mercy Hospital and contracts with almost all the major California health plans. MPMG has also expanded geographically to include sites in Bonita, La Jolla, Clairemont, and the beach areas. "Our physicians have a strong belief in the physician-patient relationship and take pride in working with each patient as an individual," commented **Stewart Frank, M.D.**, president of MPMG. "We are committed to striving for the highest level of patient satisfaction and look forward to providing many more years of quality care to our community."



MPMG physicians offer flexible office and clinic hours plus services at urgent care centers to accommodate the busy schedules of patients. Many of the physicians are fluent in other languages, including Spanish Japanese, Tagalog, Farsi, French and German, and they consistently score well in statewide quality indicators.

About MPMG: MPMG is an independent practice association (IPA) whose physicians are conveniently located in neighborhood offices in the South Bay and San Diego areas so they can offer highly personalized care to members. Using state-of-the-art technology, they now streamline referrals electronically to more than 150 affiliated specialists. For a complete listing of physicians, please visit MPMG's website at [www.mpmgdocs.com](http://www.mpmgdocs.com). For more information, please contact **La Donna Dwyer, executive director, at 619-543-8800.**

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UnitedHealthcare developed the UnitedHealth Premium Specialty Center designation program to give its members information about and access to hospitals that meet their rigorous quality criteria. The designation is based on detailed information about specialized training, practice capabilities and proficiencies that Scripps Mercy submits to UnitedHealthcare and is designed to help members make informed decisions should they need cardiac or spine care.

To receive this designation, Scripps Mercy met extensive quality and outcomes criteria based on nationally recognized medical standards and expert advice. The criteria incorporate measurements of breadth and depth of care, staff experience, emergency care, quality and outcomes reporting.



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Since 1877, *your* spcaLA has served the people and animals of Southern California, and has done so through the support of donors like you and Sand/Sea Public Safety. There is no national "SPCA" or humane society that provides support for the animals of Southern California, and we do not receive any government funding.

As a donor, you are more than a constituent – you are a member of spcaLA's family, and play a direct role in ensuring the continued viability and maintenance of our programs. Moreover, your continued support helps us advocate for those without a voice, whose ongoing welfare and protection not only strengthens them, but each of us as a community. Your generous gift is indeed a demonstration of your concern for the welfare of Southern California's animals and your confidence in spcaLA.

Thank you again for your generous support of spcaLA's mission of providing for the well-being of the animals!

All the Best,

  
Madeline Bernstein  
President  
spcaLA

*Thank you!*

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August 12, 2006

Greetings!

As we approach the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, we here at the Humane Society of the United States want to thank you for your contributions over the past year.

Whether you responded to the Gulf coast in person or provided assistance from afar, your efforts are appreciated and helped to provide relief to animals and their human companions so adversely affected by the devastating storm.

The 2005 hurricane season raised awareness in every community of the importance of protecting animals from disasters. Although the loss and heartbreak of the storm will never be forgotten, neither should we forget the efforts we all made to respond to the disaster and the positive community and legislative efforts that resulted!

As many other organizations and individuals have been doing over the last 12 months, The Humane Society of the United States has been working both to assist in recovery from the past and to provide resources to make the future of animals in disasters a much brighter one.

By working together in the future, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of animals that look to us for their care, protection, and rescue.

Please accept this token of our appreciation for your participation in the largest animal rescue effort in history, and our gratitude for your service!

Sincerely,



Randall B. Covey  
Director of Disaster Services

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**Certificate of Commendation**  
is hereby presented to

*Steven Farzam*

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In recognition of his courage and civic mindedness which, on February 5, 2001, led directly to the arrest and conviction of a drunk driver whose actions had endangered the lives of numerous motorists and even pedestrians. Mr. Farzam, who is employed by American Medical Response, under contract to the Los Angeles County Sheriff, was off duty and headed north on the San Diego Freeway in West Los Angeles when he observed a pickup truck weaving in its lane. He caught up to the truck and saw that the driver appeared to be sleepy, so he dropped back and followed the truck, and called the California Highway Patrol to report a possible drunk driver. He continued to follow the truck as it went through Sepulveda Pass and transitioned to the westbound 101 Freeway, exiting at Hayvenhurst. Mr. Farzam then called the Los Angeles Police Department and asked that the truck be intercepted. Meanwhile the truck's driver nearly hit a woman and her daughter crossing Hayvenhurst, and the truck swerved onto a sidewalk, narrowly missing a large picket fence. Mr. Farzam then used his hand-held company radio to access an LAPD frequency, which resulted in the truck's driver being stopped in front of his own home, before he could enter his driveway. Mr. Farzam stood by as the police officer administered a field sobriety test, which yielded a level of .16, twice the legal minimum. Later, his testimony in court helped win the conviction of the driver. He is to be commended for taking the time to get involved in the removal from the streets of a driver who already had a drunk-driving conviction. Given, with appreciation, this 1st day of June, 2001 by



*Cindy Miscikowski*  
CINDY MISCIKOWSKI  
Councilwoman 11th District