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Lexington EMTs are calm, efficient under pressure

Recently, I came upon a wreck that had just occurred. As I was going toward the wrecked car, another wreck occurred behind me. Two people were thrown some distance from a motorcycle when they tried to stop for the first wreck. An ambulance arrived from Lexington County and dropped off one emergency medical technician at one accident and proceeded to the next.

One EMT checked over the victims from the motorcycle and then checked out the four from the car. After determining that there were no life-threatening injuries, he came to help his partner at the other accident. A woman trapped inside the car was not breathing. They inserted a tube down her throat and started artificial respiration. They then used the "jaws of life" to cut her out when the Chapin Fire Department arrived along with Newberry County ambulances. The EMTs from Lexington began intravenous fluids and helped the victim to a helicopter, which flew her to a hospital. I understand she has since been released.

The arrival of the first crew helped relieve some of my fears about this situation. They were professional and calm in the midst of chaos. They were efficient, coordinated and obviously highly trained for their jobs. They deserve to be recognized as true professionals.

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