



# *City of Seat Pleasant*

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **SWIFT RESPONSE BY SEAT PLEASANT POLICE OFFICERS SAVES CHILD'S LIFE**

**Seat Pleasant, MD** –On Friday May 1, 2015, at approximately 5:30 pm, the Seat Pleasant Police Department received a call of a cutting at the 6000 block of Central Avenue. Once on the scene officers discovered a 7-year old male bleeding profusely from a cut on his leg. It was later discovered that the child had been accidentally cut with a scalpel by another juvenile family member and that his femoral artery had been cut. Seat Pleasant Officers immediately attempted to control the bleeding and requested fire department step up their response. Once on the scene members of the Capitol Heights Fire Department began life saving treatment to the child. Although this was now a medical emergency and a fire department scene, the officers went above and beyond what was expected and attempted to comfort family members to allow fireboard to treat the child. The Seat Pleasant Officers then provided transportation for the family to the hospital and knowing that time was of essence, provided a priority escort for the ambulance to Children's Hospital. Children's Hospital staff credited the first responder's actions, including the quick response to the hospital, as critical factors in saving the child's life.

**Thursday, May 7, 2015, will be the child's birthday. The remarkable team of care givers (Seat Pleasant Police, Capitol Heights Fire Fighters and Children's Hospital staff) will have an opportunity to celebrate with him and his parents and will be presenting gifts to the child.**

**When: Thursday, May 7, 2015, 4:00 pm**

**Where: Capitol Heights Volunteer Fire Department, 6061 Central Ave., Capitol Heights, MD 20743**

**Photo opts available.**

Seat Pleasant: "A City of Excellence" is one of Maryland's 157 municipalities with a population of 5,000 residents, 100 businesses, 13 houses of faith, and 20 non-profit organizations. The Seat Pleasant government has a mayor, seven member city council and 40 government employees operating a \$3.8 million dollar budget.

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