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**Choking child visits firehouse to thank crews that saved her**

Wauwatosa, WI – On April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 the Wauwatosa Fire Department was honored to receive a visit from 3 year old Charleen and her mother. Just two weeks ago “Charlie”, as she is called by her family, was choking on some food when caregivers called 911. The first arriving firefighters & paramedics said she had stopped breathing and already turned blue from the chest up due to an airway blockage. Wauwatosa Fire Department personnel quickly assessed the situation and were able to get Charlie breathing again. She was transported to Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin where she received further treatment and was released early the next morning.

This is a great example of the amazing work our firefighters and paramedics perform every day.

Not every call we go on has a happy ending so these visits help remind us why we do what we do.

The life-saving crew in the attached picture from left to right is:

Firefighter/Paramedic Nate Reisdorf  
Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Stanwood  
Captain Dave Page  
Heavy Equipment Operator Phil Klass  
Firefighter Mark Jodarski (not pictured)

(1 Photo Attached)

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