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SFD CAPTAIN RECOGNIZED FOR STEPPING UP & SAVING A LIFE

SEGUIN, Texas – Seguin Fire Department Captain Martha Rodriguez was flying from San Antonio to Las Vegas for a fun getaway, but it quickly turned into a serious situation. She immediately sprang into action and may have saved the life of a fellow vacationer.

“I’ve been doing this for 35 years – my experience allows me to help wherever I’m needed (even on an airplane!). I’m glad to be able to step up and use my skills to help make it home safe,” said Rodriguez.

During the flight a passenger became ill and the flight attendant asked if there were any doctors or nurses on the plane. A woman said she was a nurse and went to help. A little while later, Rodriguez noticed there was still a lot of movement going on near the sick passenger. She went up to the front and asked if she could help since she is a firefighter/paramedic. The nurse told her she worked mostly in an office and was out of practice in this type of situation.

The patient had low blood pressure and was vomiting so Rodriguez had her elevate her feet with luggage. They were able to contact the airline’s medical director from the plane’s phone who instructed Rodriguez to start an IV. She continued to monitor her condition until they landed safely in Las Vegas.

“The coolest part was that Southwest Airlines gave me two vouchers to fly free. I’m just happy to help,” said Rodriguez.

Congrats to Capt. Martha Rodriguez for being selected the May 2016 Employee of the Month!



Pictured left to right: City Manager Doug Faseler, Capt. Martha Rodriguez, SFD; Chief Dale Skinner, SFD