

On May 21st of 2024 at 10:09:54 Medic 251 from Whitesboro Fire/EMS were dispatched to the northern part of our EMS district near Lake Texoma for a female who had delivered a baby in the toilet of an RV camper. This area of our EMS district is in a remote area approximately 15 miles from our fire station. At the same time our medic was dispatched Sherwood Shores Volunteer Fire Department, the first responding organization for the area, was also dispatched. Chief 201 from Whitesboro Fire/EMS attached himself and also responded. While enroute they were given updated information that advised the female caller was not exactly sure where she was as she had just stayed the night at this location and nobody else was there with her to help guide first responders to the location. Dispatch was able to ping the call and identify the location while giving first responders the additional information.

Upon their arrival Medic 251, Chief 201, and Sherwood Shores Volunteer Fire Department they were able to locate the camper and found the mother sitting in the camper bathroom with the newborn still in the amniotic sac in the toilet. Paramedic Jolly and EMT Sheffield quickly broke the amniotic sac and removed the newborn beginning resuscitation efforts after noting APGAR was a 0. Chest compressions with BVM ventilations were provided. The mother advised she did not know she was pregnant and was unsure how far along she was. The patient was moved to the ambulance where an IV was placed in the umbilical cord for medication administration. Epi 1:10,000 was administered via the umbilical IV and ROSC was achieved shortly after. The patient was then transported emergently to Texoma Medical Center in Denison, TX which was 30 miles away. During transport, the patient was warmed with blankets and heat packs and continuously ventilated via BVM. Advanced airway was not performed due to the patient's premature size. Report was given to the hospital preparing their ED and NICU teams which were waiting on them upon their arrival. The patient was transferred to the ER where care was given to the ED and NICU teams. The patient was estimated to be 26 weeks gestation at time of delivery. The patient was intubated in the ER and admitted to the NICU where the patient stayed for several months. The patient was later discharged home with no known neuro deficits.

We are beyond proud of our dispatch center, EMS personnel, and the first responders that all played a part in this patient's positive outcome. This was most definitely a miracle, but I believe the outstanding care that was provided to the newborn by all personnel involved gave her the best chance at survival.