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Family Thank Police Dispatcher for Help Delivering Baby

Ken and Wendy Butler of Savage, Md., are very grateful to a police dispatcher who assisted in delivering their baby last month. Yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Butler and her newborn son met with Senior Dispatcher Maureen Childress at the Howard County 911 Dispatch Center. Mrs. Butler wanted to meet and thank the dispatcher who coached Mr. Butler by telephone on how to deliver their baby at home.

On October 29, Ken Butler made a frantic call to Howard County 911 to report that his wife was going into labor. Maureen Childress, a 14-year veteran dispatcher, coached Mr. Butler through the delivery process. Christian Charles Butler, who weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces at birth, is the healthy baby brother of two older siblings. Within minutes of his birth, both Christian and Mrs. Butler were transported to Howard County General Hospital.

Childress was asked to describe her experience of talking to Mr. Butler and coaching him on what to do to successfully deliver the baby. She said, "Most dispatchers would say their job has a lot of negative aspects, but this is the joyful and fun part of my job, especially after the last few weeks of working during the sniper incident."

This is the first baby that Childress has assisted in delivering by utilizing the nationally-accepted Emergency Medical Dispatch Instructions. Childress followed the step-by-step process to successfully coach Mr. Butler in the full-term delivery of his son.

Mr. Butler is employed as a delivery driver for UPS. While still in the hospital, Mrs. Butler quipped to her husband, "You can't go a day without delivering something."

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Mrs. Butler was impressed with the quick response time of the Savage Volunteer Fire Department. She said, "They were there in like two minutes. It's a good thing we don't live in P.G. County!"

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