



Pickens County Councilman saves Orangeburg council member's husband's life at the SC Association of Counties meeting in Hilton Head

Pickens, SC – August 1, 2017 Pickens County Council member Chris Bowers of Easley performed compression only CPR to assist Orangeburg County Council member Janie Cooper Smith's husband and perhaps saved his life.

The group was attending a luncheon Monday (July 31) at the SC Association of Counties meeting this week in Hilton head when the incident happened. Cooper Smith said her husband, Retired Air Force Veteran Wallace Smith, has COPD. She said, during the luncheon her husband was eating and because of lack of air associated with his medical condition, he mimicked medical signs that appeared to many as choking. When that happened, someone

yelled “he is choking” and Pickens County Council member, Chris Bowers, immediately came to his rescue and performed compression only CPR while waiting for EMS to arrive.

Bowers said he didn’t deserve any recognition and was “doing what he was trained to do and was glad he could be there to help in any way and glad that Mr. Smith is ok.”

Bowers says he wants to use this as an example as to why more people should learn CPR. Bowers is a paramedic and operations manager with Bowers Emergency Services. He’s been on the Pickens County Council for about a year.

Chris Bowers will throw out the first pitch tonight at 7:30 at the Senior League World Series Tournament at the J.B. “Red” Owens Recreation Complex.

Below is a Greenville News article about Bowers 2016 council victory.

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/pickens-county/2016/06/28/bowers-defeats-willis-pickens-county-council-district-5-runoff/86485096/>

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