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MTA Police Come to Aid of Choking Infant on Metro-North Train

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) announced that earlier today the quick actions of two MTA Police Department officers saved the life of a choking infant on a Metro-North train at Croton-Harmon Station.

Just a few minutes into the new day on Sunday May 27, two MTA police officers responded to the Croton-Harmon Station to assist Aiesha Davidson, the mother of a one-month-old infant – Serenity Green – who was not breathing. The mother and daughter were on the 11:16 PM train from Beacon to Croton Harmon, where they were going to change trains for Manhattan, when the medical emergency arose. The mother told MTA Police Officers Kieran Killilea and Paul Carufe that her daughter had been sleeping soundly when suddenly she started making wheezing noises and was frothing at the mouth.

Observing the infant was in severe respiratory distress, the officers jumped into action and quickly cleared the infant's airway, using a finger sweep and delivered five rapid back blows to stimulate breathing. The infant responded immediately, coughed up and started breathing. The officers checked vital signs and monitored breathing rates while awaiting further medical aid.

Upon the arrival of emergency medical services, humidified oxygen was administered and the infant was determined to be in stable condition and no longer in respiratory distress. The infant and her mother were taken to Westchester Medical Center by ambulance for further evaluation.

Police Officer Killilea has 8 years on the MTA Police force, and Officer Carufe has 19 years.