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It's 'Elvis' to the rescue

The phrase "quick call an ambulance" took an unusual twist recently when an ambulance was struck from behind on the M4 Motorway.

Samantha Galea from Glenmore Park was travelling west on the M4 on Friday 22 June 2007 when she ran up the back of an ambulance just before the Northern Road turnoff.

The traffic gets banked up there in peak time and it can be very dangerous," she said. "The exit ramps aren't long enough and unfortunately I hit the ambulance."

Travelling with her five year old son in the car, Mrs Galea suffered whiplash and a serious shoulder injury.

"My son was asleep and completely relaxed which is why he wasn't hurt," she said.

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"We hit quite hard and I didn't know it at the time but one of the ambos, Steve, hit his head on the front windscreen from the impact.

"He must have been slightly concussed but he was so amazing.



A helpful ambulance officer came to the aid of Samantha Galea and her son Matthew on the M4.

"The first thing he did was look after my little boy.

"He put his own health aside to distract and entertain my son until another ambulance arrived."

Mrs Galea contacted the Penrith Press because she wanted to praise the ambulance officer whose nickname is Elvis and publicly thank him.

"He is a very special person and someone that really cares about his job," Mrs Galea said.

"I would just like to see him get the recognition he deserves."

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Officers involved were Steve (alias Elvis) Elliott and Julius Verhoeven.