



Supreme Court Officer and certified EMT Jose Reyes (left) in hospital room with little Emely Carrasco and her parents, Edwin Carrasco and Minely Perez. Reyes had come to Emely's rescue earlier. Photo by Viorel Florescu

# Hero 'brought my daughter back to life,' marvels dad

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A COURT OFFICER with medical training spun into action to save a baby girl who stopped breathing after a seizure outside the Bronx County courthouse.

"I'm not a hero," Supreme Court Officer and certified EMT Jose Reyes told the Daily News shortly after the rescue yesterday afternoon. "I'm still shaking."

Little Emely Carrasco's father disagreed.

"I don't think words can describe how thankful I am," said Edwin Carrasco.

"You're talking about a guy who brought my daughter back to life. I don't know how to thank him. I didn't know we still had people like that out here."

Reyes, 44, was helping a co-worker with a sprained ankle into an ambulance on Walton Ave. when an SUV screeched to a halt.

"Please help me! My baby's not breathing!" Edwin Carrasco was yelling.

"I opened the door and there was a young lady crying and yelling and holding a baby," said Reyes, a father of three.

"The baby had had a seizure and stopped breathing, so I grabbed the baby and ran to the ambulance that was already there," said Reyes.

"It was instinct that just kicked in."

The "really cute little girl," who turns 2 on June 24, was limp and blue, said Reyes. He put her in the ambulance and began to perform CPR.

"I was so scared," he said. "I was really nervous. I just wanted to make the baby start breathing again."

"I went to put my face to her nose to see if she was breathing and she started to move, so I knew she was coming to. She started to throw up, and I felt a lot better."

A second ambulance whisked Emely to Bronx-Lebanon Hospital's emergency room, where Reyes visited her after finishing his shift.

A sore throat gave her a high fever that led to the seizure, a doctor told her father.

"When she started breathing again, I came back to life, too," said Edwin Carrasco, 25. "The doctor said she'll be better soon."