

**State Star of Life Award Renamed to Honor Erlanger Children's Hospital Surgeon****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Nashville, TN – [Tennessee Emergency Medical Services for Children](http://www.tnemsc.org) (TN EMSC) is pleased to announce that the Tennessee Star of Life State Award has been renamed the Dr. Michael Carr State Star of Life Award. The ceremony that was held on Thursday, May 14th at [Rocketown](http://www.rockettown.com), honored nearly 100 of Tennessee's EMS personnel for their exceptional, lifesaving work during the 2014 calendar year. The mission of the TN EMSC Foundation, the host of the EMS Star of Life, is to ensure that every child in Tennessee receives the best pediatric emergency care in order to eliminate the effects of severe illness and injury.

"Dr. Carr has been a tremendous asset to the EMSC program since its inception more than 20 years ago," said Rhonda G. Phillippi, TN EMSC Foundation Executive Director. "Renaming the Star of Life Award after Dr. Carr is a small token of our appreciation for his dedication to advancing pediatric care in Tennessee."

Dr. Carr was the principal investigator on Tennessee's original EMSC grant and provided leadership in collaborating with the Tennessee legislature to achieve passage of the original EMSC legislation in Tennessee. In 2009, Dr. Carr was the recipient of a National EMSC Hero's Award for his longstanding commitment and dedication to the mission of EMSC. Dr. Carr continues to serve on both the TN EMSC Foundation Board and the Tennessee Department of Health's Committee on Pediatric Emergency Care providing leadership and guidance.

Star of Life is designed to honor the accomplishments of EMS personnel from all regions of Tennessee who provide exemplary lifesaving care to adult and pediatric patients. The goal of the award is to recognize exceptional frontline care, with a focus on agencies and providers who are the initial care providers. The ceremony included a presentation of the actual patient scenario and reunited the EMS personnel with the individuals they treated. To learn more about TN EMSC, please visit <http://www.tnemsc.org>.



Dr. Michael Carr is awarded an EMSC award of appreciation by TN EMSC Executive Director Rhonda G. Phillippi at the 2015 Star of Life Awards.

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