**Region VIII**

Tuesday October 6, 2015 started out like any other weekday for 13 year old Madison Lawrence. Madison was the front seat passenger in a single cab truck traveling the winding back roads of Henning, Tennessee. One minute they were joy riding and the next minute Madison found herself lying on the side of the road wondering exactly how she got there. The truck she was riding in lost control and rolled over multiple times. Madison was ejected from the vehicle.

Delene Burns, the dispatcher with Lauderdale County 911 Dispatch took the frantic call. Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority was dispatched to the scene of a multiple trauma motor vehicle accident.

On the scene and ready to spring into action, were Paramedics Terry Janda and Chris Sills and AEMTs Dalton Edenfield, Seth Deaton, Marty Ellis, Gabe Lindsey and Andy Miller.

The crew members found Madison lying supine on the side of the road. Both her lower extremities were shortened and rotated. Blood was noted on her clothing. Investigator Micah Middlebrook, Sheriff Steve Sanders and Deputy Bob Wenzler with the Lauderdale County Sheriff's Department arrive to the scene.

West Lauderdale Fire Department Fire Chief Darrell Smith and Firefighters Jesse Hudnell and Brandon Boothe jumped into action. It was truly an all hands on deck kind of call. Madison was awake and alert complaining of pain to head, abdomen and bilateral lower extremities. Upon assessment, Madison was noted to have multiple abrasions and a 4 inch laceration to her left groin with a large amount of active bleeding. Trauma dressings with direct pressure were immediately applied. On the cardiac monitor, Madison had an elevated heartrate and decreased pressure.

The emergency providers immediately recognized that Madison was in shock from the massive blood loss. Two 14-gauge, large bore IVs were placed in her AC with a liter of NS and LR running.

The Hospital Wing was requested for transport with a 15 minute ETA. Lauderdale Ambulance Authority continued to reassess Madison noting that she was becoming more lethargic. The Hospital Wing crew arrived on the scene with Pilot Miles Dunagan, Flight Nurse Rita McCoy and Flight Paramedic Chris Stewart ready to transport Madison.

Upon their arrival, assessment of her groin revealed a large gaping avulsion with an arterial bleed. Flight Nurse McCoy inserted 2 thrombi pads and 2 clamps to the wound to control the bleeding.

En route to Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital, she was given an additional 1500cc of IV fluids. Upon arrival, Madison was still noted to be tachycardic and hypotensive. A massive transfusion protocol was initiated where Madison would receive18 units of packed red blood cells, 8 units of fresh frozen plasma and 5 units of platelets during the first few hours of care.

Madison was immediately taken to surgery to explore her injuries. She was found to have an open pelvis fracture with a transected artery and vein. A shunt was placed to allow blood flow to her lower extremity. She underwent multiple surgeries including a hemipelvectomy, which would ultimately involve her losing her left lower extremity.

Madison is still recovering today with physical therapy and many specialty teams. She still has a long road ahead of her but; she also has a bright future. Without the excellent prehospital care that Madison received she would not be here today to share her story with us. Madison’s father is so grateful for each and every person and the role that they played in saving his daughters life.

This is a great example of how the system works when we stay calm and work together. Everyone involved on this call worked seamlessly as a team to provide the best care possible to Madison. Everyone did a great job with the resources they had available. The early recognition of deterioration enabled them to work quickly to get Madison to Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital for definitive care without the interventions that were provided, Madison would have a minimal chance of survival.

We have a brief video of Madison who could not be here tonight as she is still recovering from the accident.

It is for these reasons that Lauderdale County Ambulance Authority,

Lauderdale County Sheriff’s Department, West Lauderdale Fire Department, Lauderdale County 911 Dispatch and The Hospital Wing are receiving the 2016 Star of Life Award for Region 8.

Director Tidwell will now present to Lauderdale County Madison’s “Certificate of Life” that reads: “It is hereby certified and solemnly attested that Madison Lawrence survived a life-threatening event on October 6, 2015. This certificate commemorates the first day of the rest of your life.”