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### **City of Oak Ridge Fire Department, Anderson County EMS & UT LIFESTAR Honored at Seventh Annual Star of Life Awards**

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NASHVILLE, TN – [Tennessee Emergency Medical Services for Children](http://www.tnemsc.org) recognized the City of Oak Ridge Fire Department, Anderson County EMS and UT LIFESTAR at the Seventh Annual Star of Life Awards in Nashville at Rocketown on Thursday, May 14. The mission of Tennessee Emergency Medical Services for Children 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. The ceremony reunited the EMS personnel on stage with the patient, Thomas Berg. The Star of Life Awards are designed to honor Tennessee's excellent prehospital providers for their lifesaving care. The evening recognizes these EMS crews who are on the frontlines of emergency care. Below are the recipients for Region 2:

#### **Region 2 – City of Oak Ridge Fire Department, Anderson County EMS & UT LIFESTAR**

David Smallwood, Civilian Responder
Battalion Chief Marty Griffith, EMT-P, RN
Captain Eric Mocsari, EMT-P, RN
Firefighter Engineer Steven London, EMT-P
Firefighter Engineer Duane Chase, AEMT
Firefighter Engineer Thomas Giles, AEMT
Natalie Waddell, EMT-P
Zachary Panter, EMT-P
Flight Paramedic Terry Neal, EMT-P/CC
Flight Nurse Gary Reams, EMT-P/CC, RN
Jason Lewis, Pilot
Tim King, EMT-P
Fred Yahr, EMT-P

Thomas Berg experienced a sudden medical emergency while on a bicycle ride on March 30, 2014, causing him to crash in the middle of Bethel Valley Road. Immediately upon witnessing the crash, David Smallwood, who was riding with Mr. Berg, called 911 and began CPR. EMS personnel from the Oak Ridge Fire Department followed by Anderson County EMS arrived on the scene to find Mr. Berg in cardiac arrest. Mr. Berg was flown to the University of Tennessee Medical Center by UT LIFESTAR. Today Mr. Berg has made a full recovery and is once again enjoying cycling.

The 2015 Star of Life Awards Star Partners were Air Evac Lifeteam and Erlanger Children's Hospital and Erlanger Health Systems.

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