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Putnam County EMS, Putnam County 911 & Cookeville Fire Department 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 Putnam County EMS, Putnam County 911 and the Cookeville Fire Department at the Seventh Annual Star of Life Awards in Nashville at Rocketown on Thursday, May 14. The mission of the 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, Glen Russell. 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 4:

Region 4 – Putnam County EMS, Putnam County 911 & Cookeville Fire Department	
	Alissa Crouch, Civilian Responder
	David Thompson, AEMT
	Esther Gottfried, EMT-P
	Phillip Harris, EMD
	T.J. Landers, EMD
	Jason Bohannon, EMD
	Matt Bathke, EMT-P
	Travis Fansler, AEMT
	Wayne McClain, EMT

On September 18, 2014 Glen Russell was discovered, unconscious, in a store aisle at the Cookeville Lowe's. Alissa Crouch, a nursing student who just weeks earlier had completed CPR training, came across Mr. Russell and began administering CPR. 911 was called and within minutes the Cookeville Fire Department arrived and Putnam County EMS. The crews worked together to administer an electrical shock to his heart, start an IV and give him the necessary resuscitation medications. The EMS' treatments and early recognition of Mr. Russell's ventricular fibrillation kept him alive and allowed him to ultimately receive a stent in his heart at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

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

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