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Nashville Fire Department & Stratford High School 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 Nashville Fire Department and Stratford High School 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, Kennedy Kistner. 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 5:

Region 5 – Nashville Fire Department & Stratford High	
	Jeff Davis, Stratford High School Assistant Principal
	Sonja Crews, Campus Security Supervisor
	Joanne Stroud, Education Bus Attendant
	Captain Dale Pickens, EMT
	Firefighter/Engineer Scott High, EMT
	Firefighter Robby Lee, AEMT
	Firefighter Natalie Rottarr, AEMT
	Michael Sisk, EMT-P

On December 3, 2014, while waiting to get on her school bus, Stratford High School student Kennedy Kistner suddenly began having a seizure, which very rapidly progressed into full cardiac arrest. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Jeff Davis, JoAnne Stroud and Sonja Crews quickly sprang into action. Using the training they had received, they immediately began CPR and called 911. Nashville Fire Department Engine 18 and Medic 18 arrived at the scene. Due to the quick actions of the school officials, the crews found a viable patient when they arrived at the scene. As Ms. Kistner was still in full arrest, CPR was continued. She was shocked three times, received breathing assistance with a bag valve mask and had an IV started with the proper drug therapy. She was quickly transported to TriStar Skyline Medical Center and has made a full recovery.

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

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