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American Medical Response, Arlington Fire Department, Shelby County Fire Department & The Hospital Wing 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 American Medical Response, Arlington Fire Department, Shelby County Fire Department and The Hospital Wing 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, Rachel Hensley. The Star of Life Awards are designed to honor Tennessee's excellent prehospital providers for their lifesaving care. The evening recognizes EMS crews who are on the frontlines of emergency care. Below are the recipients for Region 8:

Region 8 – American Medical Response, Arlington Fire Department, Shelby County Fire Department & The Hospital Wing	
Lieutenant Danny Spry, EMT	Driver Derry Cook, EMT
Firefighter Darrell Abrams, EMT	Firefighter Todd Highfill, EMT-P
Firefighter Tammy Baskin, EMT	Lieutenant Jeremy Havlik, EMT
Driver Earl Laughlin, EMT-P	Firefighter Jamie Allen, EMT
Firefighter Matt Doyle, EMT-P	Firefighter Jason Spry, EMT
Lieutenant Jeremy Hester, EMT	Driver Ryan White, EMT
Firefighter Chad Wyatt, EMT	Firefighter Wes Carpenter, EMT
Robert Montgomery, EMT-P	Matt Griffith, AEMT
Flight Nurse Cindy Bailey, RN, BSN, CEN, NREMT	Richard Smith, Pilot
Flight Nurse Heather Kelley, RN, BSN, CEN, CFRN, NREMT	

On January 9, 2014 Rachel Hensley was driving on the road she had driven numerous times before when she lost control of her vehicle. When the EMS personnel pulled up, they were astonished by the mangled mess that was once Ms. Hensley's car. She was awake and alert, but her skin color was becoming pale and she was complaining of abdominal pain. After the 55-minute extrication, Ms. Hensley was safely pulled from the vehicle, placed on a spineboard and transported to a landing site where the Hospital Wing was awaiting her arrival. Ms. Hensley was loaded into the helicopter and flown to the Elvis Presley Memorial Trauma Center. Amazingly, she walked away with only memories of the men and women who saved her life that day.

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

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