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Meet the Stars that Saved Eight Lives

WHO

Meet the EMS teams that saved eight lives, and those survivors being honored

WHAT

Second annual awards ceremony by Tennessee Emergency Medical Services for Children Foundation honoring EMS teams and survivors

WHEN

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

5 p.m. – EMS teams and survivors available for interviews - Davidson Room on the second floor of the Sheraton Downtown

6 p.m. - Reception

7 p.m. - Dinner

7:30 p.m. - Awards presentation

WHERE

Sheraton Nashville Downtown Hotel, 623 Union Street, Nashville, TN 37219

Press can meet EMS teams and the survivors at 5 pm in the Davidson Room on the second floor of the Sheraton

Nashville(Tenn) In 2009, ambulance services in Tennessee responded to more than one million 911 calls. The second annual EMS Star of Life awards dinner & ceremony will honor the dedication of those who provide day-to-day lifesaving services on the medical "front-line" in Tennessee. The ceremony will present actual patient scenarios and reunite the EMS caregivers with the individuals they treated from the eight EMS regions across the state.

One of many survivors attending the EMS Star of Life is three-year-old William Underwood from Memphis who was saved by the volunteer medical personnel at Bellevue Baptist Church after falling and crushing his trachea. He was then transferred to LeBonheur Children's Medical Center by Memphis Fire where he underwent immediate surgery.

The parents of five-year-old Zachery Seals thanked Morristown Hamblen EMS for being there when Zachery's heart rate began to slow and eventually stop. The Critical Care Transport Team from East Tennessee Children's Hospital came transferred him to their Pediatric Critical Care Unit.

Bradley County EMS responded to Shawn Hall's accident where they revived his lifeless body after his left leg and part of his pelvis was amputated. Mr. Hall was airlifted by LifeForce One to Erlanger Medical

Center. He has been in rehabilitation and will walk across the stage with his newly fitted prosthesis to accept his "Certificate of Life"

Montgomery County EMS and Vanderbilt LifeFlight revived two-year-old Mikaya Trice who suffered from a popcorn kernel that was blocking her ability to breath. She was transported to Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt in critical condition.

Putnam County EMS and Baxter Fire Department came to the home of Bill Stines where his stepson was performing CPR on him prior to transporting him to Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

Two more survivors suffered massive heart attacks. Thirty-nine- year-old Shane Ayers realized how fortunate he was to have EMS at his work site at Eastman Chemical Company when he experienced a complete cardiac arrest. Wayne County EMS recognized that Barry Busby required rapid transport to a special cardiac catheterization lab, that research shows, was his best chance of survival. He was flown by Vanderbilt LifeFlight to Vanderbilt where they found that one of his heart vessels was 99% blocked.

EMS Star of Life is sponsored by Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt and Emergency Mobile Healthcare, LLC.

The mission of Tennessee Emergency Medical Services for Children Foundation, 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.