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### **Eastman Chemical Company Emergency Services**

Nashville, TN--- Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> Eastman Chemical Company Emergency Services accompanied by one of their survivors, Jerry “Shane” Ayers, and his family drove to Nashville to be recognized at the Star of Life Awards Ceremony presented by Tennessee Emergency Medical Services for Children. The ceremony presented actual patient scenarios and reunited the EMS caregivers with the individuals they treated from the eight EMS regions across the state.

<b>Region 1 Award Winners - Eastman Chemical Company Emergency Services</b>
Jimmy Bell, EMT-P
Tracy Hicks, EMT-P
Jeff Strom, EMT-B
Sharon Cox, EMT-B
Brian Ramsey, EMT-B
Robert Casey, EMT-IV
Jeff Lane, EMT-B
Mike Graham, EMT-P
James "Frank" Holton, EMT-B, Dispatcher

Northeast Tennessee was represented by the exemplary care given by Eastman Chemical Company Emergency Services in rescuing Jerry “Shane” Ayers. Mr. Ayers suffered a complete cardiac arrest as a result of a heart attack while at work on June 1, 2009. Eastman Chemical Company EMS responded with their advanced cardiac life support service and was able to get a pulse after nine shocks. Mr. Ayers was transferred to Holston Valley Medical Center and underwent emergent cardiac catheterization. He went home eleven days later and has subsequently returned to work and to his family.

The Star level sponsors for this year’s EMS Star of Life are Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt and Emergency Mobile Healthcare, LLC.

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.

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