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### **Putnam County EMS & Baxter Fire Department**

Nashville, TN--- Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> Putnam County EMS and Baxter Fire Department accompanied by one of their survivors, Bill Stines, and 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 4 Award Winners - Putnam County EMS &amp; Baxter Fire Department</b>
Dale Billingsley, EMT-P
Esther Gottfried, EMT-P
Chief Chris Holmes, EMT-IV, Baxter Fire Department
Toby Lee, EMT-IV, Baxter Fire Department
Kristi Ellis, Dispatcher
Tobee Insko, Baxter Police Department
Donald Lynn

On the morning of April 15, 2009, Mr. Bill Stines was engaged in his usual routine when he collapsed, not breathing and with no pulse. Luckily his stepson, Donald Lynn found him within minutes and performed CPR and called 911. Baxter Fire Department and Putnam County EMS were activated. Mr. Stines was resuscitated and taken to Cookeville Regional Medical Center where a stent was placed. After a few days in the hospital Mr. Stines was discharged home with no long-term effects.

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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