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### Montgomery County EMS & Vanderbilt LifeFlight

Nashville, TN--- Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> Montgomery County EMS and Vanderbilt LifeFlight accompanied by one of their survivors, three year old Mikaya Trice and her 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 5 Award Winners - Montgomery County EMS &amp; Vanderbilt LifeFlight</b>
Don Woods, EMT-P
Eric Justice, EMT-P
Lt. Danny Cotterell, EMT-P
Tina Cook, E-911 Dispatcher
Martha Ransom, E-911 Dispatcher
Justin Bailey, Police Officer
Sgt. David Jones, Police Officer
Rob Davidson, EMT-P
Beverly Gaskin, EMT-IV
Gary Santora, FF-First Responder
Ben Workman, FF-First Responder
Captain Gary Perry, EMT-P, MCEMS
Diane Allen, RN-EMT
Lis Henley, RN-EMT

Clarksville Police and Fire were dispatched, along with Montgomery County EMS in early April 2009 for a small child that was choking. The crew arrived on the scene to find a two year old child unresponsive and not breathing. Air was unable to enter Mikaya’s lungs due to a popcorn kernel that could not be dislodged. They quickly thought of another solution and a tube was inserted to push the popcorn down and get air into her lungs. The child was taken to Gateway Medical Center and was later transferred to Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt by the Montgomery County EMS and Vanderbilt Lifeflight members. Mikaya Trice is now a thriving three year old.

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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