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Wayne County EMS & Vanderbilt LifeFlight

Nashville, TN--- Tuesday, May 11th Wayne County EMS and Vanderbilt LifeFlight accompanied by one of their survivors, Barry Busby, 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.

Region 6 Award Winners - Wayne County EMS & Vanderbilt LifeFlight
Robert Farris, EMT-P
Terry Brewer, EMT-IV
Janelle Zehr, RN-EMT
Chris Rediker, RN-EMT
Jim Thomas, Pilot
Chris Cummings
Ashley Thompson, Dispatcher
Philip Gobble, Dispatcher

In June 2009, Barry Busby was feeling fine and took advantage of his day by playing a game of golf with his friends. Mr. Busby began to suffer a sudden onset of chest pressure; he became nauseated and began to have an overwhelming feeling of his breath being taken away. His friends called 911 and Wayne County EMS was activated. Anticipating the need for invasive cardiac care, the EMS crew requested activation of Vanderbilt LifeFlight. These two highly skilled EMS crews administered appropriate care and the Vanderbilt LifeFlight crew flew him to Vanderbilt where 99% of one of his arteries to his heart was blocked. He required a stent, but suffered no long term consequences.

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.