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## **Hardin County EMS & Air Evac Lifeteam**

Nashville, TN--- Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> Hardin County EMS and AirEvac Lifeteam accompanied by one of their survivors, Cade Stricklin, 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 7 Award Winners - Hardin County EMS & Air Evac Lifeteam
Eric Rogers, EMT-P
Mitzi Fields, EMT-IV
Sherri Lackey, EMT-P
Allen Henson, EMT-IV
Paige Neil, First Responder
Jimmy Neil, First Responder
Gary Combs, FF
Brian Griffin, EMT-P
Gail Hudson, RN
James Hildreth, Pilot
Donna Parrish, Dispatcher

On the night of December 10, 2009 a 911 call was received stating a young man had possibly been shot. Upon arrival at the scene, Hardin County EMS found an unresponsive eighteen year old, Cade Stricklin, lying on his left side in a pool of blood. Hardin County EMS initiated advanced life support and transported him to the nearest landing zone to be airlifted by AirEvac 58 team. Mr. Stricklin survived a life-threatening injury that night because of the care he received from the Hardin County EMS crew, first responders, and the AirEvac 58 Team. Their calm, professional approach allowed them to perform advanced life support measures for which they continually drill, train and practice. Providers from all aspects of public safety were involved in this call, working as a team to ensure a positive outcome, and therefore will be awarded the Star of Life Award for Region 7.

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.