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### **Sullivan County EMS & WellmontOne Air Transport**

Nashville, TN--- Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> Sullivan County EMS and WellmontOne Air Transport accompanied by one of their survivors, Ty Boomershine and his family, will drive to Nashville to be recognized at the Star of Life Awards Ceremony presented by Tennessee Emergency Medical Services for Children. The ceremony presents 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 - Sullivan County EMS &amp; WellmontOne Air Transport</b>
Matt Compton, Flight Nurse
Theresa Kingsley, Flight Paramedic
Greg Maddox, Pilot
Angela Fuller, Dispatcher
Daniel Chase, EMT-P
Haynes Miller, EMT-P
Sara Chambers, Dispatcher
Paul Pendergrass, EMT-IV

Northeast Tennessee was represented by the exemplary care given by Sullivan County EMS and WellmontOne Air Transport in rescuing Ty Boomershine when he was pinned beneath a riding lawnmower. Sullivan County EMS inserted a breathing tube and stabilized his spine before WellmontOne Air Transport flew him to Holston Valley Medical Center where he recovered from spinal, shoulder, and rib fractures, a liver laceration, and third degree burns. He finally returned home after 10 days in the hospital and 12 days of rehab.

The Star level sponsors for this year’s EMS Star of Life are HCA/TriStar, Methodist University Hospital, and Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt.

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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