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Putnam County EMS

Nashville, TN--- Tuesday, May 10th Putnam County will be accompanied by the daughters of one of their survivors, Phillip Maxwell, and 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.

Region 4 Award Winners - Putnam County EMS
Jim Knight, EMT-P
Tony Waters, CCEMT-P
Cory Guy, EMT-P
Cody Pelfrey, EMT-IV
Phillip Harris, EMD, ETC, CTO
Kelly Ann Keller, EMD, ETC, EMT

Around lunchtime on August 4, Putnam County EMS received a call about a semiconscious man, followed by another call stating that the man had lost consciousness. When they arrived, they found a bystander performing CPR on Phillip Maxwell. After shocking his heart three times, a rhythm was established and he was transported to Cookeville Regional Medical Center. The defibrillator that was implanted there saved his life again while he was in hospital care by correcting another cardiac arrest. Mr. Maxwell passes away on 10, 2011, but his two daughters—Diane Phy and Leslie Hill—say that they are indebted to Putnam County EMS for giving them an extra seven months to spend with their father and will represent his memory at the ceremony.

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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