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Cheatham County EMS & Vanderbilt LifeFlight

Nashville, TN--- Tuesday, May 10th Cheatham County EMS and Vanderbilt LifeFlight accompanied by one of their survivors, Andrew Hopkins 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.

Region 5 Award Winners - Cheatham County EMS & Vanderbilt LifeFlight
Terry Miller, EMT-P
Thomas Saale, EMT-P
Aaron Merritt, EMT-P
Ryan Romans, EMT-IV
Kevin Nooner, RN
Marsha Roberts, RN
Bo Phillips, FP
Bob Vaughn, Pilot
Stephen McCluskey, Flight Communicator
Kelly Scott, Flight Communicator

One Easter Sunday, April 4, Andrew Hopkins’ was being driven to the hospital when he complained of severe chest pain. On the way, Mr. Hopkins lost consciousness; luckily, he was right in front Cheatham County EMS’s station. Paramedics worked quickly to stabilize him and called Vanderbilt LifeFlight to transport him to Centennial Medical Center. In flight, Mr. Hopkins suffered another cardiac episode and was revived by the LifeFlight crew after 18 shocks to his heart. He was released from the hospital after only six days.

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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