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Rural/Metro Ambulance & Shelby County Fire Department

Nashville, TN--- Tuesday, May 10th Rural/Metro Ambulance and Shelby County Fire Department accompanied by one of their survivors, Tierney Bourage, 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 8 Award Winners - Rural Metro Ambulance & Shelby County Fire Department
Anne Jones, EMT-P
Gary Atlas Shields, EMT-IV
John Giles, FF, EMT-P
Frizell Davis, FF
Clayton Howard, FF
Battalion Chief Jim Meyers, FF

On the first day of her senior year of high school in August, Tierney Bourage was struck by lightning while walking home in Memphis. First on the scene, personnel from Shelby County Fire Department began chest compressions. After lying with no pulse, Tierney’s heart was shocked twice by Rural/Metro Ambulance until her rhythm was restored. She miraculously began to breathe on her own, but she suffered severe trauma and did not leave the hospital until 39 days later. Despite her continued rehabilitation, Tierney will be present to accept her “Certificate of Life” and thank the emergency responders that worked tirelessly to give her a second chance.

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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