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**Metro Moore County Ambulance Service, Metro Moore County Volunteer Fire Department & Vanderbilt LifeFlight**

Nashville, TN---Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> a mass of EMS providers from Metro Moore County Ambulance Service, Metro Moore County Volunteer Fire Department and Vanderbilt LifeFlight will be in Nashville to be recognized as the state winner at the Star of Life Awards Ceremony presented by Tennessee Emergency Medical Services for Children. They will be honored for the outstanding care they provided to patient James Crowell. 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 6 Award Winners - Metro Moore County Ambulance Service, Metro Moore County Volunteer Fire Department &amp; Vanderbilt LifeFlight</b>
Dwight Sullenger, EMT-IV
Ken Young, EMT-P
Jason Deal, EMT-P, FF
Ronnie Smith, EMT-IV
Paul Tibbs, EMT-P
Melissa Tibbs, RN
Chief Mark Neil, EMT, FF
Matthew Lendley, FF, FR
Scott Parks, FF, FR
Don Primus, FF
David Huskey, FF
Chad Burton, FF
Tommy Primus, FF
Ryan Brazier, FF
Tony Williams, FF
David Andrews, FF
Cory Damron, FF
Nancy Primus, FF
Kenneth Bailey, FF
Robert Mathis, FF
Shane McGlaughlin, FF
Cheryl Clark, RN

Summer Blasingame, Dispatcher
Rober Earl Brooks, Flight Communicator
Mark Stokes, RN
Janelle Zehr, RN
Bill Berner, Pilot

On October 18, 2010, James Crowell was on his way home from work when he was hit by a tractor trailer traveling at 45-50 mph. Though he was pinned in the wreckage, bystanders that happened to work at Manchester Medical Center, Coffee County EMS, and Lincoln County EMS attempted to stabilize him and called for help. Realizing that Mr. Crowell was in serious distress, one bystander called in Vanderbilt LifeFlight. Metro Moore County Volunteer Fire Department arrived to delicately extract Mr. Crowell from the wreckage, and Metro Moore County Ambulance Service resuscitated and stabilized him and handed him off to the LifeFlight crew. Despite the massive effort undertaken to save his life, Mr. Crowell was not responding well to treatment while in flight and went into cardiac arrest. Miraculously, his rhythm was restored by the crew as he arrived at Vanderbilt Medical Center. This massive community involvement, relentless effort, and extraordinary teamwork by everyone involved are the reason that James Crowell is alive today. It is also the reason that Metro Moore County Ambulance Service, Metro Moore County Volunteer Fire Department and Vanderbilt LifeFlight are receiving the State EMS Star of Life Award from TN Emergency Medical Services for Children Foundation.

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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