



EMS

Star of Life Award®

16th Annual EMS Star of Life Awards Ceremony



Purpose

HONOR

exceptional EMS personnel from Ohio.

RECOGNIZE

Ohio's emergency medical services system and organizations for a job well done.

REUNITE

EMS providers with the person treated and present the actual patient scenario.

GENERATE

positive media stories regarding prehospital care and the EMS Star of Life Awards.

MAGNIFY

the profile of National EMS Week in the State of Ohio.

Schedule of **Events**

16th Annual EMS Star of Life Awards Ceremony
Wednesday, May 18, 2016

12:00 p.m. Meet and Greet

1:00 p.m. Opening Remarks

John Born
Director-Ohio Department of Public Safety

1:15 p.m. Awards Presentation

Melvin House
Executive Director-Ohio Division of EMS

Deanna Harris
Chair-Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services Board
EMS Provider of the Year - Debra Willis
EMS Agency of the Year - University of Dayton Emergency Medical Services

Carol A. Cunningham, MD, FAAEM FACEP
State Medical Director
EMS Medical Director of the Year - Robert Lowe, MD FACEP

Frank Giampetro
Frank Giampetro Distinguished EMS Educator Award - Donald Zimmerman

Dr. Thomas A. Tallman
Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services Board
Ohio Chapter-American College of Emergency Physicians Board
EMS Stars
Akron Fire Department, Zack Clements, patient
Damascus Fire Department, James Reinsel, patient
North Olmsted Fire Department, Edward Kirst, patient
Plymouth Fire Department, Kyle Brant, patient
Ravenna City Fire Department, Kyle Patton, patient
Troy Fire Department, Bryson Block, patient
Washington Township Fire Department, Damon Givens, patient

3:00 p.m. Closing
Melvin House

2016 EMS
PROVIDER
OF THE YEAR



Debra **WILLIS**

Jackson County EMS

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Debra has served the Jackson County community for 30 years, starting her EMS career as a dispatcher in 1986 and earning her paramedic certification in 1987.

She served as station chief at Station 9 in Jackson for 15 years where her leadership and knowledge were invaluable. Debra's expertise was an integral part of the seamless transition from Southeast Ohio EMS to Jackson County EMS in 2011. During her career with Jackson County EMS, she has handled thousands of runs with professionalism and compassion.

Although she retired her full-time status as of December 31, 2015, she remains a part-time Paramedic and serves as a preceptor at local hospitals where she trains students in assessment, IVs, medication administration, and patient care. Debra still works as an instructor with the Jackson County EMS Training Department. She has been an instructor of AHA and ASHI CPR, first aid, ACLS and PALS, each for nearly 20 years.

Debra's community outreach also includes instructing continuing education courses, child safety advocacy outreach, as well as being active in canine rescue groups, training therapy dogs for use in natural disasters, in schools, and in long term care facilities.

Debra served as the leader for the SAFE KIDS and Ohio Buckles Buck-eyes programs at Jackson County EMS. She was awarded the "District Car Seat Person" for her outstanding work and education in child passenger safety restraints.

Her commitment and continued service to the Jackson County community is greatly appreciated.

2016 EMS

MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR



Robert **LOWE** MD FACEP

OhioHealth Doctors Hospital

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Dr. Lowe has served as medical director for more than 10 EMS agencies in central Ohio and is an expert educator. He prepares and trains hundreds of EMS providers in the region for their clinical experiences. He also leads a dynamic continuous quality improvement process focused on continuing education and patient safety. In his role as Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine and EMS Medical Director for OhioHealth Doctors Hospital, he prepares hundreds of emergency physicians for future roles as EMS medical directors.

Dr. Lowe motivates his students to be empathetic, professional, and trustworthy. He is an active participant in, and promoter of, prehospital research designed to improve care given in the field. Dr. Lowe implemented the EMS resident “ride along” program with area fire departments, which gives the students first-hand experience of prehospital care.

He has significantly contributed to the development and advancement of EMS at the regional, state, and national levels. In his role as System EMS Medical Director for OhioHealth, Dr. Lowe pioneered several EMS and hospital collaborations focusing on quality improvement and customer service initiatives. As the President of the Board for the Central Ohio Trauma System, he promoted a state-of-the-art regional trauma system that is well respected and emulated.

Nationally, he is an active member of the EMS Committee for the American College of Emergency Physicians, and the EMS Operations Committee for the National Association of EMS Physicians.

Dr. Lowe is considered a favorite of the residents at Doctors Hospital to work with due to his enthusiasm to teach and his ability to be approachable and outgoing. His mission and dedication to the well-being of citizens and the care they receive from EMS in and around central Ohio is second to none.

2016 EMS AGENCY OF THE YEAR



University of **DAYTON**
Emergency Medical Services

University of DAYTON

Emergency Medical Services

UD EMS was established in 1992 by a small group of students who saw a need on the University of Dayton campus to provide emergency medical care to students in need. Today, 24 years later, the organization has 60 student volunteers and promotes the same mission as its founding members, “Students helping students.”

They are the primary emergency medical service for the university and serve a wide demographic. They respond to a wide variation of patients in need of care, providing EMT-level care and immediate transport to any hospital in the Dayton area.

Providing medical care 24/7 during the school year, UD EMS works closely with Miami Valley Hospital, the City of Dayton Fire Department, and Dayton-based Metropolitan Medical Response System to train their members and improve their relations with resources outside of the campus. They are currently working to keep their campus safe by implementing the operations of Rescue Task Force (RTF) into their emergency protocol that will allow for quicker treatment of people in mass casualty incidents and provide UD EMS with the opportunity to realistically and safely prepare for a broader range of incidents.

A large emphasis is placed on ‘community’ and an active role in public education and prevention. One great example is the installation of seven new automated external defibrillators on the University of Dayton’s campus bringing the total to 38 on campus with at least one in every building. This occurred in conjunction with UD EMS teaching a record number of CPR instructional classes to the campus, free of charge, creating awareness of the importance of CPR/AED knowledge.

UD EMS has placed the drug naloxone into use in accordance with the new protocols created by the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council. Although the number of opioid overdose calls received by the organization is small, recent drug trends in the Dayton area merit this implementation. A recent tragic loss of a graduate student involving a heroin overdose proves that the University of Dayton area is not free from such occurrences. Even the smallest possibility of being called to such an event has prompted UD EMS to be ready by staying up-to-date on all patient needs.

Although UD EMS’s most meaningful achievements have been through the growth of its members serving the campus and community with emergency medical care, they have received recognition at the university, state, and national levels for their commitment to delivering quality and professional patient care while also being full-time students.

2016 EMS

FRANK GIAMPETRO DISTINGUISHED

EDUCATOR
OF THE YEAR



Donald **ZIMMERMAN**

Mentor Fire Department

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Mentor Fire Department

Don Zimmerman is described by his peers as selfless, innovative, and truly dedicated to the education of children, parents, and EMS providers in the city of Mentor.

Don has dedicated 25 years of service as a paramedic and firefighter to both the Hamden Volunteer Fire Department and the Mentor Fire Department. His career as a paramedic/firefighter has included serving as a public education specialist where he is recognized as a dynamic educator who has made notable contributions. Such contributions include the Mentor Safety Village, which was created out of the need to better educate children on safety for life. This project includes the Mentor Fire Museum, a children's safety house, a water safety trailer, and numerous other safety displays to bring awareness to child injury prevention. The Mentor Safety Village is visited by 1,000 third-graders every year and is the "ultimate" field trip that the children in Mentor Schools look forward to.

Don's contribution to teaching EMS skills and EMS continuing education to fellow providers should also be noted. He instructs at the University Hospitals EMS Training and Disaster Preparedness Institute, where he keeps the students engaged by developing unique teaching methods that help EMS providers comprehend and retain his lessons. He is in high demand for his teaching abilities by both beginners and the seasoned professionals of EMS. He authored the book *Firefighter Safety and Survival* in 2012, which offers vital information on applying risk management techniques; eliminating unsafe acts; examining response to violent incidents; providing emotional support; and enabling public education.

Don has contributed significantly to excellence in EMS, both as a provider and educator. His leadership as an educator and expectations of students and fellow instructors have inspired most to strive for excellence, providing high quality care to the Hamden and Mentor communities.

2016 EMS STARS

AKRON

Fire Department



Lt. Ed Burns
Firefighter



Josh Anderson
FF/Paramedic



Nick Corriere
FF/Paramedic



Matthew Coleman
Paramedic



Dante Booker
Paramedic



Lt. Dave Ewers
Firefighter



Paul Devine
Firefighter



Cory Parson
FF/EMT



Cory Hiltbrand
Paramedic



Thomas Yakubik
Paramedic



Lt. John Hart
Paramedic

AKRON

Fire Department

On December 18, 2015, Akron Fire Department EMS was dispatched to a structure fire that was upgraded due to multiple calls reporting that someone was trapped. They arrived on scene where heavy fire was detected throughout the front living room, front porch, and the second floor exterior of the home. A hand line was stretched while firefighters climbed a ladder to the second floor. Incident Command Captain John Hart soon received information that one person was in the bedroom directly above the fire-engulfed living room.

Entering the bedroom through a window, firefighters were able to locate the victim on the floor. Due to the intense heat of the fire, the team could not take the victim down the staircase and had to remain in the room with the door closed until they found a safer escape route. The firefighters managed to set-up two ladders on the window sill where they could remove the victim onto the ladders and hand the patient safely into the care of the paramedics below.

Patient Zack Clements was unresponsive, barely breathing—with a faint pulse, moments from cardiac arrest. They immediately treated him with high flow oxygen, bag-valve-mask ventilation, capnography, and inserted an IV. Mr. Clements began to breathe on his own and regain consciousness while on the way to the hospital. The quick actions and resuscitation efforts of Akron Fire Department EMS saved Zack Clements from certain death. He made a full recovery and has returned to work.

2016 EMS STARS

DAMASCUS

Fire Department



Steve Mercer
FF/EMT



Jason Carter
FF/Paramedic



Zack Coker
FF/Paramedic



Capt. Cory Palmer
FF/EMT

DAMASCUS

Fire Department

On September 14, 2015, Damascus Fire Department was dispatched to a residence for a male with chest pain and shortness of breath. While en route to the scene, the patient, James Reinsel, went into cardiac arrest. His family began CPR. Minutes later Damascus Fire personnel arrived on scene and took over CPR.

Mr. Reinsel was defibrillated five times by the crew. A pulse was regained while en route to the hospital but lost again just before arrival. In the ED, his heart started beating on its own again.

The Chain of Survival worked perfectly for Mr. Reinsel. His cardiac arrest was recognized and 911 called; he received immediate CPR from his family, early defibrillation, advanced emergency medical services en route to the hospital, and advanced life support and post-arrest care. Without each of these steps, Mr. Reinsel would not be here today.

2016 EMS STARS

NORTH OLMSTED

Fire Department



Lt. Carl Schanz
Paramedic



Kevin Zywiec
FF/Paramedic



Giles Selig
FF/Paramedic



Lt. Adam Hudak
FF/Paramedic



Jack Sevier,
FF/Paramedic

NORTH
OLMSTED

NORTH OLMSTED

Fire Department

On September 11, 2015, the North Olmsted Fire Department received a call to a residence for a possible heart attack from a neighbor, Heidi Heiditysl, who called 911. While en route, the call was upgraded to a cardiac arrest. Upon arrival, the crew found the patient, Edward Kirst, on the floor in the living room where CPR was being performed by his neighbor, Les Moore.

The squad took over CPR and defibrillated Mr. Kirst twice. With the second defibrillation, Mr. Kirst's pulse returned, and he began to regain consciousness, breath on his own, and follow some commands. On arrival at the hospital, he was fully conscious and able to communicate.

The quick intervention of Mr. Kirst's true hero neighbors by activating the 911 system and performing CPR, and the prompt EMS response of North Olmsted Fire Department saved his life. The Chain of Survival worked perfectly for Mr. Kirst.

2016 EMS STARS

PLYMOUTH

Fire Department



Ofc. Larry Brown
Plymouth Police Dept



Troy Barker
Paramedic



Chris Kelbley
EMT



Brian Sexton
Plymouth Utility Dept



Troy Hass
AEMT



Daniel Frisch
EMT



Stephanie Comer
Paramedic/Mansfield Ambulance



Richard Metzger
AEMT



Michele Johnson
Paramedic/Mansfield Ambulance



Eric Linstrum
AEMT

PLYMOUTH

Fire Department

On March 16, 2015, the Plymouth Fire Department was dispatched to a home for a juvenile suffering from possible electrocution and drowning. Fifteen-year-old Kyle Brant went into his flooded basement to fix the sump pump and was electrocuted. En route to the scene, Plymouth Police Officer Larry Brown picked up village employee Brian Sexton. At the scene, Sexton disconnected the electricity to the house, allowing Officer Brown to safely enter the basement. He found Kyle face down in the water, unresponsive and not breathing. Officer Brown carried Kyle out of the basement and into the yard where he initiated CPR before the squad arrived.

Kyle was defibrillated multiple times by Plymouth Fire and Mansfield Ambulance Service. Before arriving at the hospital they had restored Kyle's pulse.

Because of the quick response by Officer Brown and Mr. Sexton, and medical care by Plymouth Fire and Mansfield Ambulance, a young man's life was saved. Kyle is currently recovering and is making important strides toward recovery every day.

2016 EMS STARS

RAVENNA CITY

Fire Department



Adam George
Paramedic



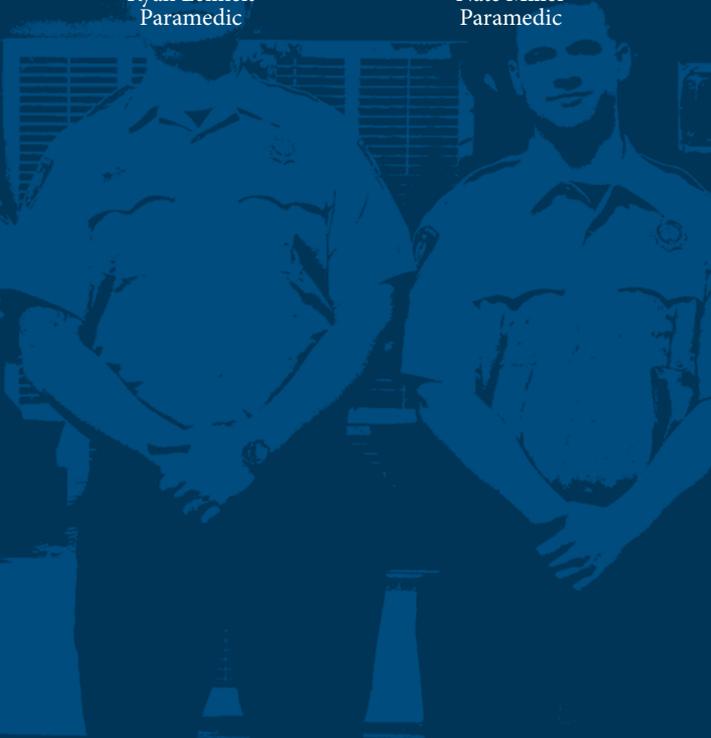
Ryan Leifheit
Paramedic



Nate Miller
Paramedic



Kenneth Kaufman
FF/Paramedic



RAVENNA CITY

Fire Department

On November 18, 2015, Ravenna City Fire Department was dispatched to a two-car, head-on collision with possible entrapment. At the scene, a vehicle was found on its roof with extensive front-end damage. The patient, Kyle Patton, was found in the rear of the vehicle, positioned face down. He was conscious, but having difficulty in breathing. He was unable to speak to the crew, however, he was able to answer the questions by blinking once for yes and blinking twice for no.

Mr. Patton was found to have significant injuries to his chest on the left side, including a flail chest, where multiple ribs were broken in more than one place. En route to the hospital, his condition worsened. The flail chest had caused his breathing to become more difficult and dropped his blood pressure to a dangerously low level. To treat this, the medics inserted a needle into Mr. Patton's left chest to relieve pressure building up inside the chest. The treatment worked — Mr. Patton's breathing became much easier and his blood pressure returned to normal.

It should be noted that a needle decompression of a flail chest is not a common medical procedure, in fact, it is quite rare. The degree of calm and thorough emergency medical care administered to Mr. Patton by the Ravenna City Fire Department was critical to his survival.

2016 EMS STARS

TROY

Fire Department

STATION



Kurt Achterberg
Troy Fire Dept



Josh Marchal
Troy Fire Dept



Ryan Havenar
Troy Fire Dept



James Knick
Troy Fire Dept



Eric Krites
Troy Fire Dept



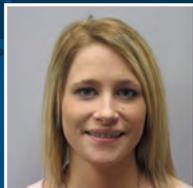
Charles Ray
Troy Fire Dept



Josh Schiebrel,
Miami County 911



Teri Newbright
Miami County 911



Amy Carson
Miami County 911



Rebecca Weer
Miami County 911



Amanda Tingler
Miami County 911



Nathan Cain
Miami County 911



Sgt. Todd Tennant
Sheriff's Office



Dep. Nathaniel Boyer
Sheriff's Office



Dep. Travis Lowry
Sheriff's Office



Robyn Flanery
Manager/CareFlight



Paul Gyorgyfi
Flight Nurse/CareFlight



Brian Bates
Flight Nurse/CareFlight



Tim McClain
Pilot/CareFlight



Jennifer Lochner
Comm. Spec. NAACS

TROY

Fire Department

On March 22, 2015, 8-year-old Bryson Block and his family had gathered around a bonfire at their home in Troy, Ohio. What had been a happy time turned into tragedy when Bryson threw a can of gasoline onto the open fire, causing an explosion and engulfing him in flames. Bystanders quickly came to Bryson's aid, extinguishing the flames. Bryson was burned extensively. Miami County 911 dispatchers received the call and immediately sent first responders to the scene. Miami County Sheriff's Office was first on scene to render aid and comfort Bryson. Paramedics from Troy Fire Department arrived and quickly recognized the severity of his injuries. Bryson suffered full thickness burns on greater than 80 percent of his body. A medical helicopter was requested from CareFlight Air and Mobile Services. The paramedics removed what remained of Bryson's burnt clothing to prevent further injury, provided high flow oxygen, and most critically, they managed to start an IV to begin to replace fluids Bryson was losing due to his burns.

Communication from Troy Fire Department at the scene to CareFlight before the helicopter arrived allowed for planning and clearance to fly Bryson directly to the closest pediatric burn center in Cincinnati.

Early on, information was shared that impacted the care that Bryson received that day. Knowing the significance of his injuries, the closest pediatric facility agreed that Bryson would be best cared for in Cincinnati at the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Burns Center. Arrangements and medical clearance were given to allow Bryson to be transferred and flown directly to Cincinnati for rapid definitive care. The flight crew continued the care that Troy Fire Department had started. During the flight, Bryson was kept comfortable with pain and sedation medications. Only one hour after being burned, Bryson arrived at the hospital for definitive treatment.

He spent many months in the Shriners Hospitals for Children – Burns Center and has undergone dozens of surgeries and procedures. Through his own resilience and strength, Bryson has overcome the odds and survived. He has exceeded expectations and is recovering successfully. Due to the strong working relationship between all first responders that day, the level of care and speed Bryson needed to survive his injury was provided.

2016 EMS STARS

WASHINGTON

TOWNSHIP

Fire Department



Capt. Joel Holbrook
FF/Paramedic



Lt. Joshua Augustine
FF/Paramedic



Todd Flohre
FF/Paramedic



Eli Hemphill
FF/Paramedic



Doug Stafford
FF/EMT



Bruce Manfredi
EMT



Julie Hale
Dispatcher

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

Fire Department

On Father's Day, June 21, 2015, Damon Givens was mowing his lawn when he collapsed. His 3-year old son ran into the house to tell his mother that "Daddy's on the ground!" Dispatcher Julie Hale received a 911 call from a frantic female stating her husband had collapsed and was not breathing. Washington Township Fire Department crews were alerted to the situation and Dispatcher Hale walked the caller through CPR. Upon arrival, the caller, Mrs. Givens, was found performing CPR on her husband as guided by the dispatcher.

The Fire Department crew took over resuscitation efforts, including continuous CPR and three defibrillations. Mr. Givens was transported to the hospital, regained a pulse prior to arrival, and survived.

Because Mrs. Givens was immediately alerted to her husband's collapse by their son; because Mrs. Givens immediately called 911 and performed CPR as guided by Dispatcher Hale; and because Washington Township Fire Department provided high-quality advanced life support, the Chain of Survival worked perfectly, and Damon Givens is alive today.

STAR OF LIFE

The EMS Star of Life Awards are being presented by the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services, and the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services.

The EMS Star of Life Awards recognize outstanding achievements and honor those in Ohio's EMS system whose accomplishments rise above the day-to-day excellence of the system. Each day in Ohio, EMS providers save lives and perform countless noteworthy acts of caring, kindness, and service to their community.

These awards are a tribute to those individuals and organizations whose overall contributions go beyond their basic duties and responsibilities and who represent the finest traditions of our profession.

The Awards Selection Panel evaluated nominations based upon achievement of excellence in areas of patient care, public access, public education and training, disaster preparedness, and outstanding service to their communities.





The Ohio Department of Public Safety, through the Division of EMS, oversees the certification of emergency medical technicians and firefighters and ensures that the professionals in these lifesaving roles are properly trained, educated, and prepared for emergency situations.



The State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services is dedicated to saving lives and minimizing disability to Ohio's citizens and visitors by developing and continually enhancing a statewide, comprehensive, systematic response to injury, illness, and fire, primarily through education, training, certification, and strategic planning.



Established in 1972, Ohio ACEP is a state medical specialty society representing emergency medicine with more than 1,400 emergency physician members. Ohio ACEP is committed to advancing emergency care through continuing education, research, and public education, and assuring access to high quality emergency care for the people of Ohio. Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Ohio ACEP is a chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians representing emergency physicians nationwide.

