2017 EMS STAR OF LIFE AWARDS CEREMONY
AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

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1:00 p.m.
Welcome

Melvin House
Executive Director, Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services

Opening Remarks

Dia Gainor
Executive Director, National Association of State EMS Officials

1:15 p.m.
Award Presentation

Upper Arlington Fire Division
Presented by: Thomas Allenstein, Chair, Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services Board

EMS Agency of the Year

Todd Brookens, D.O.
Presented by: Carol A. Cunningham, M.D., State of Ohio Medical Director

EMS Medical Director of the Year

Frank Giampetro
Distinguished EMS Educator Award

Mark Johnston
Presented by: Frank Giampetro

EMS Stars

Presenters:
Thomas Tallman, D.O., FACEP, CHEP
Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services Board, and Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians

Laura Tiberi
Executive Director, Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians

Recipients:
Bath Fire Department
Caleb Perkins, patient
Beloit Fire and EMS Department
Russell Mayer, patient

Brooklyn Fire Department
Christopher Wojdacz, patient

City of Monroe Fire Department
Chad Grubb, patient

Coshocton County EMS/Coshocton Fire Department/Jackson Township Fire Department
Gary Nelson, patient

Hopedale and Unionport Fire Departments
Tim Barnes, patient

Liberty Township Fire Department
Robert Harlow, patient

Macochee Joint Ambulance District
Scott Boyd, patient

Madison County Emergency Medical District and Central Townships Joint Fire District
Bob Yowan, patient

New Philadelphia Fire Department
Robert Ledger, patient

Wakeman Fire Department
Chris Hilaman, patient

Westlake Fire Department
Hugh Lipscomb, patient

3:00 p.m. Melvin House
Closing
The Upper Arlington Fire Division is recognized for its innovative program designed to bridge the gap between pre-hospital emergent medical care and meeting the long-term needs of an often neglected segment of the community. The program, called “STAY UA”, links citizens who call 911 with the community support services that they truly need once it is determined that they do not require medical care. It is believed to be the first formalized program of its kind in the country. Since 2009, the STAY UA program has continued to fill the gap between emergent pre-hospital care and long-term support services and care.

This innovative model demonstrates how EMS can be a solution to the health care crisis by providing access to more appropriate healthcare and social services for those that do not need emergency care. In 2009, the fire division and the City of Upper Arlington
partnered with National Church Residences, a local nonprofit agency, to provide a Service Coordinator program that enables older adults and residents with disabilities to safely remain in their homes. The STAY UA program better utilizes the assistance mechanisms offered by the fire division’s emergency medical services by connecting residents with the appropriate support tools that can help prevent future emergency situations. Since the program started, STAY UA has assisted over 800 residents and families and is regarded as a great community collaborator and resource for residents.

This vital service provided to the Upper Arlington community has resulted in immediate and cost-effective improvements to their quality of life and the ability to remain safely in their homes.
Dr. Brookens serves as medical director for over 30 EMS departments in the Northwest region and is a dedicated educator. Beginning his career as a volunteer EMT, he now holds two board certifications as an Emergency Physician as well as a subspecialty certification in Emergency Medical Services. Not only is his personality with EMS staff infectious, Dr. Brookens continuously goes above and beyond to make sure that EMS providers throughout the region are highly trained and prepared to provide the best patient care possible.

He remains active with training and updating EMS protocols to keep pace with the latest advancements in pre-hospital patient care. One example is his creation and implementation of an innovative Spinal Motion Restriction (SMR) protocol that affords EMS providers a vital alternative when treating patients with potential spinal injuries. Previously, all patients with suspected spinal injuries were fully immobilized with a cervical collar and backboard. Recent studies have suggested
that this practice can exacerbate injuries and create other complications. The SMR protocol implemented by Dr. Brookens offers specific criteria that EMS providers can use as a guide when determining the proper application of SMR equipment.

He also developed a protocol to allow basic and advanced EMS providers to make Termination of Resuscitation determinations when certain criteria are met.

Dr. Brookens is considered a favorite among the staff at Lima Memorial Health Systems due to his enthusiasm to teach, his approachability, and outgoing nature. His dedication to his EMS providers is exemplified by his willingness to give out his personal cell phone number and email allowing any of them to call him at any time for medical direction and guidance.
Mr. Johnston has dedicated more than 35 years of EMS and fire service in the Greater Cincinnati region. His career as an EMS instructor, paramedic and firefighter includes serving as an instructor for the University of Cincinnati Fire and Emergency Management program and an EMS coordinator for the Christ Hospital Network.

The contributions made by Mr. Johnston to the Project Heart ReStart program should be noted. Since its inception in 2005 at The Christ Hospital Health Network, the program has placed 220 automated external defibrillators throughout the Greater Cincinnati region. Each organization receiving an AED also received at least one CPR class for a core group of employees or volunteers, and many continued to call back for subsequent refresher training or training of new staff. Although this program targets lay responders rather than EMS providers, he taught an estimated 5,000 laypersons how to perform CPR and use an AED through this program.
Mr. Johnston has been very active in developing scenarios for high fidelity simulation mannequins and utilizing them to deliver EMS training in local fire departments throughout the region. Working in collaboration with the nursing staff at The Christ Hospital, he also developed an EMS training program for the pre-hospital treatment and management of patients with left ventricular assist device implants (LVADs). Mr. Johnston has delivered this class over 30 times in the last three months to departments throughout the region.

The contributions made by Mr. Mark Johnston to EMS as both a provider and educator have inspired many to strive for excellence by providing high quality care to the citizens of the Greater Cincinnati communities.
Bath Fire Department

2017 EMS Stars

Steve Weinert
FF/Paramedic

Chris Najsztup
FF/EMT
Richfield FD

Lt. George Seifert
FF/Paramedic

Bill Conley
Athletic Director
Revere HS

Lyle Kniep
Coach
Revere HS

Brian Racin
Assistant Coach
Revere HS

Taylor Gray
Revere HS Trainer

Caleb Perkins
Patient
On March 18, 2016, the Bath Fire Department EMS crew was dispatched to the Revere High School track after receiving a report that 16-year-old Caleb Perkins had collapsed while running the 400-meter event. His coaches, Lyle Kniep and Brian Racin, found him unresponsive and immediately called 9-1-1 and started CPR.

The EMS crew arrived on the scene and found the trainer, Taylor Gray, and athletic director, Bill Conley, had used an AED and they were currently performing CPR. The EMS crew took over CPR and moved the patient to the squad for transport to the hospital. A second defibrillation was administered and Caleb’s pulse returned and he began to breathe on his own.

The quick actions, resuscitation efforts, and seamless teamwork among Caleb’s coaches, the trainer, the athletic director and the Bath Fire Department saved him from certain death. Caleb Perkins made a complete recovery and has resumed a normal life.
Beloit Fire & EMS Department

2017 EMS Stars

Vernon Dick
FF/EMT

Kevin Bartchy
Paramedic

Travis Dick
FF/EMT

Russell Mayer
Patient
On November 8, 2016, Beloit Fire and EMS Department was dispatched to West Branch High School for a male suffering from an allergic reaction to a bee sting.

The Beloit EMS crew arrived and found West Branch High School teacher Russell Mayer with facial swelling, shortness of breath and decreased pulse rate. He had received a shot from an EpiPen® prior to their arrival with no improvement.

Russell was placed in the ambulance where his condition began to deteriorate. He was having more difficulty breathing, turned blue and began seizing. The EMS crew laid the patient flat and began ventilating him with bag valve mask. Another dose of epinephrine was administered and intubation was attempted. Mr. Mayer’s condition began to improve and he was transported to the hospital.

The crew at Beloit Fire and EMS Department provided the critical medical attention needed that saved the life of Russell Mayer and allowed him to return to his teaching career at West Branch High School.
BROOKLYN
FIRE DEPARTMENT

2017 EMS STARS

Edward Kriausky
FF/EMT

Edward Coyne
FF/Paramedic

Bryan Suesse
FF/Paramedic

Lt. James Mochan
FF/EMT
On June 25, 2016, the Brooklyn Fire Department received a call to an industrial work site for a major injury that involved a 700-pound piece of equipment. Upon arrival, the crew found the patient Christopher Wojdacz kneeling on the floor suffering from severe, multiple traumatic injuries to his chest, neck, face and upper extremities.

Once they freed him from the heavy machinery, the crew stabilized Mr. Wojdacz for rapid transport to the hospital. Enroute to the hospital, the crew recognized that he was suffering from a tension pneumothorax and performed a chest decompression with a 14-gauge needle, which improved Mr. Wojdacz’s ability to breathe.

The quick intervention, proper extrication techniques, and the quality care of the Brooklyn Fire Department saved Mr. Wojdacz’s life.
CITY OF MONROE
FIRE DEPARTMENT

2017 EMS STARS

Lt. Scott Clasgens
FF/Paramedic

Lt. Matt Lolli
FF/Paramedic

Josh Spradling
FF/Paramedic

Tom Hill
FF/Paramedic

Joel Coomer
FF/EMT

Jake Garnett
FF/Paramedic

Zach Bernard
FF/Paramedic

Joe Carey
FF/Paramedic
On December 3, 2016, the City of Monroe Fire Department responded to a call on 37-year-old Chad Grubbs, who was struck by a car while walking to his residence following a trip to the store. The vehicle that hit him was traveling approximately 50 MPH and the impact threw him 75 feet. Medics arriving on the scene found Mr. Grubbs facedown, unconscious and unresponsive.

Initial assessment indicated that Mr. Grubbs had sustained significant traumatic injuries to his face, head, an unstable fracture of his pelvis, diminished bilateral lung sounds, as well as numerous cuts, and abrasions. As medics began aggressive treatment of Mr. Grubbs, UC Health Air Care was requested. Medics established a surgical airway, attempted three needle decompressions of the chest, and established multiple IV lines.

UC Health Air Care staff transported him to the University of Cincinnati Trauma Center and after several months of rehabilitation, Mr. Grubbs is working toward a full recovery.
COSHOCTON COUNTY EMS

2017 EMS STARS

Jon Tanner
FF/Paramedic

Blaine Schooley
FF/Paramedic

Jennifer Singleton
Paramedic

Donna Carpenter
EMT

Emily Stevens
FF/EMT

Chief Mike Layton
Firefighter

Capt. Deger Conkle
FF/EMT

Fred Shaw
Firefighter

Russell Dreher
Firefighter

Asst. Chief Dave Foster
Firefighter

Capt. Greg Rice
Firefighter

Lt. Lane Teater
FF/EMT

Lt. Keith Krebs
Firefighter

Shane Harrah
FF/EMT

Rick Williamson
FF/EMT

Keith Krebs II
Firefighter

John Rice
Firefighter

Cord Stottemire
Firefighter

Mike Freetage
Firefighter

Mike McCollum
Pilot, MedFlight

Streeter Clow
RN, MedFlight

Jeff Parks
Medic, MedFlight

Sgt. John Glasure
Sheriff’s Office

Dep. Mark Sharrock
Sheriff’s Office

Dep. Ernie Snyder
Sheriff’s Office
On April 25, 2016, Coshocton County EMS Medic 9, EMS supervisor, Coshocton Fire Department, Jackson Township Fire Department and Coshocton County Sheriff’s Department deputies responded to a single vehicle collision into a tree.

Upon arrival, crews observed significant damage to the front of the vehicle resulting in the vehicle’s motor being forced into the driver/passenger compartment. The patient, Gary Nelson, had been partially ejected, sustaining multiple traumatic injuries that included compound fractures to the left arm and left leg, a tension pneumothorax, a partial tear of the descending aorta, and multiple lacerations. With Mr. Nelson’s lower extremities still entangled in the heavily crushed front-end of the vehicle, the crew recognized that this would be a prolonged extrication and immediately activated MedFlight. With a GCS of 7, the patient was only responsive to painful stimuli, and exhibited signs of hypovolemic shock with plummeting vital signs and absent lung sounds.

Treatment provided included several IV attempts in his hand, and external jugular with ultimate venous access being obtained through a humeral IO. The EMS crew administered normal saline, sodium bicarb, oxygen, and intranasal Versed prior to nasally intubating the patient. This was also the first time in Coshocton County that TXA was administered in the pre-hospital setting. The MedFlight crew performed bilateral chest decompressions. Mr. Nelson was trapped for 45 minutes; requiring the majority of this patient care being performed while he was still in the vehicle. He was transported by MedFlight to the level one trauma center at OSU Wexner Medical Center.

Through the combined efforts of all the responders on scene, the air medical crew and the Trauma Center’s care, Gary Nelson is alive and recovering today.
Chief Mark Marchetta
FF/Paramedic/RN

Lt. Jessica Moore
FF/EMR

Austin Marchetta
FF/EMT

Chief James Westfall
Firefighter
Unionport FD

Asst Chief Rich Davis
FF/EMT
Unionport FD

Roger Davis
FF/Paramedic
Unionport FD

Brian Miller
Firefighter
Unionport FD
On November 25, 2016, the Hopedale Fire Department and Unionport Fire Department responded to a call for a male with chest pain at a large gas and oil industrial complex. Access to the patient was prolonged due to his location deep within the 27-acre complex, which required the emergency crews to be escorted through a network of rough, pothole ridden, muddy roads within the complex in order to find the patient.

In addition to the challenges in gaining access to the patient, the patient was surrounded by concerned coworkers and he was covered in mud and soaking wet from rain. Less than one minute after EMS arrival, the patient went into cardiac arrest. Despite these obstacles, the EMS crew successfully resuscitated Mr. Barnes without any neurological deficit. He has since made a full recovery and was able to return to work.

Rural EMS provided by an all-volunteer department has its challenges as the number of volunteers are decreasing across the country. Hopedale Fire Department with the assistance from Unionport Fire Department overcame extenuating circumstances and achieved the BEST patient outcome and is worthy of recognition.
LIBERTY
TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

2017 EMS STARS

Kevin Wood
FF/Paramedic

Darrel Wasmer
FF/Paramedic

Peter Canfield
FF/Paramedic

Sean Worley
FF/Paramedic

Dr. Warren Yamarick
Medical Director

Robert Harlow
Patient
On April 17, 2016, Liberty Township Fire Department was dispatched to a reported motorcycle crash at a very familiar location that has a curve where many crashes have occurred. This time, a motorcycle went off the road and hit an elevated driveway causing the motorcycle to become airborne. While in midair, the motorcycle and rider hit a large tree which stopped the motorcycle immediately. The rider continued flying through the air striking multiple trees until coming to rest about 30 feet away. Medics found Robert Harlow tangled in the trees with his head folded underneath his body, which initially gave the impression that he had been decapitated, but was definitely occluding his airway and suffocating him.

His arms and legs were entangled, creating a challenge for the medics to follow standard c-spine precautions. Recognizing the fact that an emergent move was necessary, the medics weighed risk vs. benefit and moved him promptly to open his airway. The second challenge was that Mr. Harlow was located in a ravine and needed to be extricated rapidly and safely up the embankment. Recognizing the critical need for rapid transport to a trauma center, the crew determined that it would be better for the patient to utilize existing manpower to move him up the 15 foot embankment rather than taking the time to establish a rope rescue hauling system.

Once on top of the roadway, the medics were able to assess the patient more effectively. Recognizing the patient’s obvious and potential injuries and prioritizing each one, the medics secured an airway and administered oxygen via nasal intubation, established an IO in his left leg, stabilized his multiple fractures, and transported him to the closest trauma center, Riverside Methodist Hospital, where their expert care continued for Mr. Harlow.

The quick intervention, teamwork, proper extrication techniques and outside-the box-thinking of the medics is why Mr. Harlow was able to make a full recovery.
MACOCHEE
JOINT AMBULANCE DISTRICT

2017 EMS STARS

Chief Chris Jones
FF/Paramedic

Allan Hager
FF/Paramedic

Andrew Jones
FF/Paramedic

Eric Yoder
AEMT

Erin Rodgers
Flight RN, CareFlight

Chane Chalou
Flight RN, CareFlight

Robert Boyd
Patient
On August 12, 2016, Scott Boyd was mowing along the fence row of their 20 acres in rural Logan County when his wife, Cindee received a call from Scott, but he wasn’t there. She texted him and asked if he needed something. A minute later Scott texted jibberish and Cindee realized something must be wrong. Cindee raced out the door and spotted the tractor sitting idle. Then she saw Scott who was barely conscious. The Macochee Joint Ambulance District responded to the call for a male falling off of and being ran over by a bush hog rotary mower. Upon arrival medics found the patient, Scott Boyd, laying in the grass beside the mower deck with multiple severe 12” lacerations to his torso and legs along with deformity and crepitus on both sides of his chest. His wife was holding a beach towel over his back and left thigh. He was breathing rapidly with shallow chest movement. After removing the beach towel medics found severe bleeding. Medics applied large trauma dressings and direct pressure to the wounds. Mr. Boyd’s breathing was shallow, so medics performed a needle decompression to relieve pressure in his chest. Two large bore IVs were established to administer volume replacement and pain medication while waiting for air transport.

Once on the ground, the CareFlight crew had to perform a second set of bilateral chest decompressions and worked to stabilize Mr. Boyd prior to transport. He had to be resuscitated twice during his transport on the CareFlight helicopter.

Mr. Boyd sustained life-threatening injuries that resulted in several surgeries and many months of physical therapy, but he is making great progress toward recovery.

The prompt treatment, lifesaving interventions, and the overall high level of care of the Macochee Joint Ambulance District saved Mr. Boyd’s life.
On August 11, 2016, the Madison County Emergency Medical District and the Central Townships Joint Fire District were dispatched to a motor vehicle crash that involved three semi trucks with possible entrapment.

Medics arrived on scene and encountered a debris field starting approximately 1/8 th of a mile to the east of the incident in the westbound lanes. The first truck encountered had sustained heavy damage to the tractor cab and a second semi west of the first truck had sustained heavy damage to the rear of the trailer. The first semi-truck contained patient Robert Yowan who was heavily entrapped in the cab of the truck with his legs sticking out of the bottom rocker panel on the driver’s side. Medics found a woman on the passenger side of the truck holding pressure on Mr. Yowan’s head. Extrication equipment was deployed and a working entrapment was called along with an additional engine.

Medics proceeded to climb into the cab of the truck and assess Mr. Yowan who was entangled in debris and bleeding profusely from a head wound. While he was alert and conscious, he had no memory of the crash and stated that he was unable to move and that he had severe pain in his head, neck, and lower extremities. Medics bandaged a 6” laceration on his right temple and administered oxygen and an IV. MedFlight arrived on scene and assisted with patient care efforts until he could be successfully extricated.

After a 45-minute extrication, Mr. Yowan was freed from the cab and moved to the medic unit for treatment prior to transferring the patient to the MedFlight crew for transport.

The quick response and actions of the Central Townships Joint Fire District and the Madison County Emergency Medical District contributed to the positive outcome and recovery of Mr. Yowan.
NEW PHILADELPHIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

2017 EMS STARS

Chief James Parrish
FF/Paramedic

Capt. Wesley Tucke
FF/Paramedic

Lt. Robert Smith
FF/Paramedic

Brock Burris
FF/Paramedic

Wesley Halter
FF/Paramedic

Zac Campbell
FF/Paramedic

Jarod Lawver
FF/Paramedic

Zach Geib
FF/Paramedic

Dr. Kevin Miller
Medical Director

Robert Ledger
Patient
On February 22, 2016, the New Philadelphia Fire Department responded to a call for a structure fire with possible occupants still inside. Firefighters located Robert Ledger while performing a primary search inside the structure. Mr. Ledger was found unresponsive with shallow respirations and suffering from inhalation burns as well as second and third degree burns to his face, neck, and both arms.

Mr. Ledger was rescued from the burning structure just as the EMS unit arrived on scene. The medic crew immediately performed a rapid sequence intubation procedure to secure his airway, administered a Cyanokit® along with aggressive fluid management to treat the burns, and transported him to the nearest burn center for further treatment.

Mr. Ledger’s outcome was successful due to the dedication and commitment of the New Philadelphia Fire Department. Their training not only allowed them to rescue this patient from a burning building, but allowed them to treat Mr. Ledger with an aggressive protocol due to the trust they earned from their medical director.
On February 17, 2016, the Wakeman Fire Department responded to a call for a report of a farm accident. Metro Life Flight and an additional mutual aid squad was requested.

Upon arrival, medics found 36-year-old Chris Hilaman with his arm amputated up to the mid-forearm as a result of his arm getting caught in the crank shaft of a grain auger. Bystanders had already controlled the bleeding by applying a makeshift tourniquet made from a t-shirt and part of a pole. Medics performed a rapid trauma assessment, stabilized the patient, established an IV, applied new, sterile dressing for his injury and transferred him to Metro Life Flight for further care.

The unique fact about this call is that the patient, Chris Hilaman, was a fellow firefighter at Wakeman Fire Department. Although the end result was that Mr. Hilaman lost his left arm from the incident, we are happy to report that after many surgeries and extensive therapy he has returned to the Wakeman Fire Department performing his duties efficiently with his prosthetic arm. To stand next to him at an extrication training and watch him operate powered rescue tools like everyone else on the department is very rewarding to those members who were on the scene that day.

The quick response and laser-focused care provided by medics on the patients traumatic injuries contributed to the successful outcome of the call.
On October 6, 2016, the Westlake Fire Department responded to a call for a motor vehicle crash with entrapment involving Westlake High School student Hugh Lipscomb.

Upon arrival, medics found the vehicle with severe damage to the left front, significant intrusion into the passenger compartment, and Mr. Lipscomb partially ejected out of the driver’s side window. Due to the severity of the impact, his left leg was outside of the vehicle exhibiting deformity and swelling of the foot and ankle and traumatic amputation of parts of his toes while his right leg was entangled under the dash area. Amazingly, he was conscious due to being restrained by proper use of his seatbelt. He had no recollection of the accident, suggesting at least a temporary loss of consciousness.

To gain better access to the patient, extrication tools were immediately deployed in order to remove the roof and the driver’s side door of the vehicle. Recognizing that this would be a prolonged extrication, a helicopter from Cleveland Metro Life Flight was requested.

Once patient access was gained, treatment started while simultaneously continuing extrication operations. Mr. Lipscomb’s vital signs were evaluated, c-spine was immobilized and IV access was established, and he was also placed on the heart monitor.

After a total extrication time of 30-40 minutes, the victim’s right leg was able to be freed from under the dash, revealing serious lacerations. The bleeding was controlled, the victim was transported and transferred to the care of Metro Life Flight and flown to the level one trauma center at MetroHealth Medical Center.

After several months of recuperation and rehabilitation, Mr. Lipscomb was able to return to school. This incident was very complex in nature. The extent of damage to the vehicle, as well as the entrapment of the patient resulted in a long and difficult extrication. The teamwork shown by the members of the Westlake Fire Department as well as their expertise in extrication and medical treatment resulted in a good outcome for Mr. Lipscomb. It also showed the quality of the entire EMS system from dispatch through treatment and transport to the appropriate facility.
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.
Special Thanks to…

EMS Star of Life Speakers
Dia Gainor – Executive Director, National Association of EMS Officials
Melvin R. House - Executive Director, Division of EMS

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Laura Tiberi - Executive Director, Ohio Chapter, American College of Emergency Physicians

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“When Those Sirens Are Gone” video
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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.

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