



# EMS STAR OF LIFE



## 2019 AWARDS CEREMONY

May 22, 2019



**EMS**  
Star of Life Award.

**EMS**  **STRONG**  
**BEYOND**  
**THE CALL**



## EMS STAR OF LIFE 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 pre-hospital care and the EMS Star of Life Awards.*

### **MAGNIFY**

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

# AGENDA

## 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EMS STAR OF LIFE AWARDS CEREMONY

- 11:30 a.m. .... Meet & Greet
- 1 p.m.  
Welcome ..... **Executive Director Melvin House**  
*Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services*
- Opening Remarks ..... **Director Thomas J. Stickrath**  
*Ohio Department of Public Safety*
- 1:15 p.m. .... **Award Presentations**  
*Executive Director Melvin House*  
*Ohio Division of Emergency Medical Services*
- EMS Agency of the Year ..... **Whitehall Division of Fire**  
*Presented by Dudley Wright, Chair*  
*State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services*
- EMS Provider of the Year ..... **Asst. Chief Christopher Menapace**  
*Presented by Dudley Wright, Chair*  
*State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services*
- EMS Medical Director  
of the Year ..... **Amy Raubenolt, MD, MPH, MEd, FACEP**  
*Presented by Carol A. Cunningham, MD, FAAEM, FAEMS*  
*State of Ohio Medical Director*
- Frank Giampetro  
Distinguished EMS Educator Award ..... **Doug LaRue**  
*Presented by Frank Giampetro*
- Jack B. Liberator  
Lifetime Achievement Award ..... **Charles Willis “Bill” Troy**  
*Presented by Jack B. Liberator*
- EMS Stars ..... **Award Presentations**  
*Presented by Thomas Tallman, DO, FACEP, CHEP*  
*State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services*  
*Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians*
- Closing remarks ..... **Melvin House**

# EMS STARS

## 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EMS STAR OF LIFE AWARDS CEREMONY

- Berea Fire Department**  
*Anthony Sessin, patient*
- Butler Township Fire & EMS**  
**Huber Heights Fire & EMS**  
*Ziyovaddin Azimov, patient*
- City of Fairfield Fire Department**  
*Stephen Tacy, patient*
- City of Middletown Division of Fire**  
*Paul Rizzo, patient*
- Hanco EMS**  
*Max Brown, patient*
- Homeworth Volunteer Fire Company**  
*Ron Matz, patient*
- Mayfield Heights Fire Department**  
*Eric Parnell, patient*
- Oxford Fire Department**  
*Karen Sauerland, patient*
- Tri-Village Rescue Services**  
**New Madison Volunteer Fire Department**  
*Patients:*  
*Trevor Harrison*  
*Tyler Harrison*  
*Nathan Remencus*  
*Travis Harrison*  
*Teah Harrison*

# EMS AGENCY OF THE YEAR

## WHITEHALL DIVISION OF FIRE

The men and women at the Whitehall Division of Fire have committed themselves to improving the quality of life in their community. They have taken a three-pronged approach to helping the city and the surrounding areas combat the opioid epidemic. Their efforts using the principles of education, harm reduction and prevention, combined with aggressive policing by law enforcement, has decreased overdose frequency and deaths within their community which has received local and national attention.

Franklin County is consistently ranked among the top counties as having the highest overdoses and related deaths in Ohio. The City of Whitehall, per capita, had an overdose rate 5 times higher than the Franklin County average. Whitehall Division of Fire began educating the community by holding a series of town hall meetings that identified the problem, but also provided resources for citizens who were impacted by addiction which included treatment and recovery, as well as training on naloxone administration. One town hall meeting garnished more than 150 attendees, making it evident that these types of harm reduction measures are needed.

In partnership with the Franklin County Department of Health, Whitehall has been able to distribute naloxone and fentanyl test strips to community members who request them, while also providing instruction on how to use both the medication and test strips.



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U.S. Senator Rob Portman authored the *Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Act* (CARA), signed into law in 2016, which provides the funding to the SAFE Stations. Whitehall Division of Fire has designated itself as a SAFE Station, which stands for Stop Addiction for Everyone. It is one of the few aggressive models of prevention in the U.S. and has been very successful in facilitating help to those suffering from addiction. Upon arrival to the SAFE Station, the staff performs basic medical and mental assessments of the patient, contacts the facility to secure entry into the program, then transporting the patient to the facility. The Whitehall Division of Fire partners with Maryhaven Addiction Stabilization Center. More than 500 patients have been transported through the SAFE Station program. Of these transports, more than 50 percent have completed detox, completed a residential stay ranging from seven to 28 days, and have been linked to sober living, recovery housing, or another agency where they complete intensive outpatient treatment for their addiction and recovery. The SAFE Program has also helped more than 100 homeless people and has garnered national attention from NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt and other federal agencies, all noting the successful and progressive nature of the program.

The Whitehall Division of Fire possesses a passion that is a reflection of their commitment to excellence and their dedication to improving the level of care for citizens in their community.

# EMS PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

## CHRISTOPHER MENAPACE

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF, WHITEHALL DIVISION OF FIRE

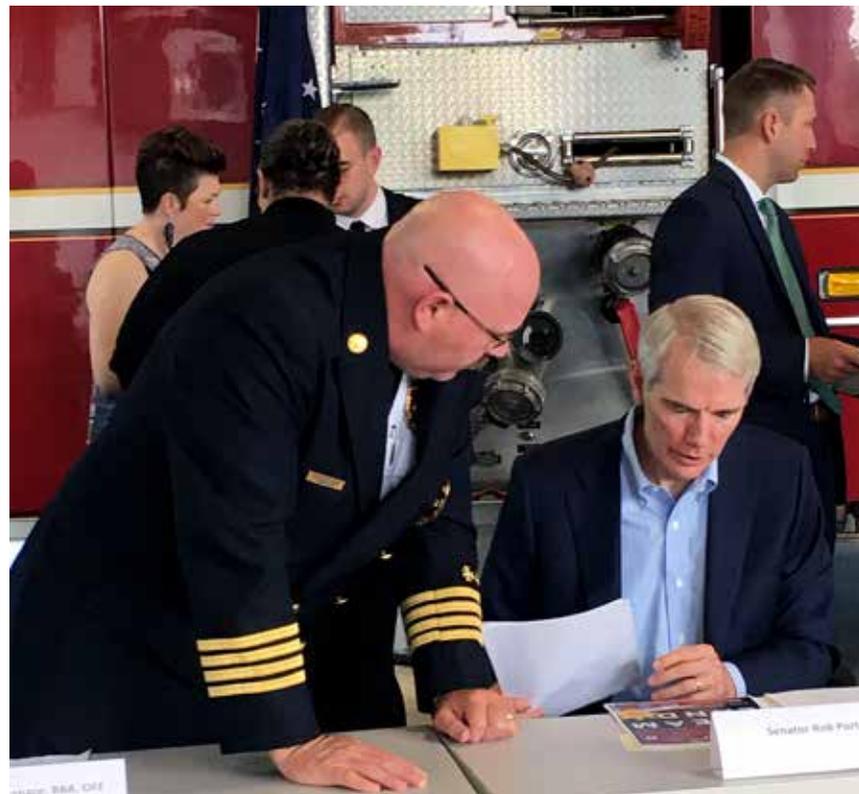
Assistant Chief Christopher Menapace began his fire service career in 1997 as a volunteer firefighter and EMT basic. He started his full-time career with the Mount Vernon Fire Department and elevated through the ranks, being appointed as a chief officer and serving for seven years. In 2013, he became a member of the Whitehall Division of Fire where he serves today as the Assistant Fire Chief.



Assistant Chief Menapace wears many hats in the field. He is an Ohio Fire Executive Class IX graduate and holds certifications as an EMS Instructor, Assistant Fire Instructor, as well as Firefighter II/Paramedic. He currently serves as a member of the Ohio Fire Chiefs and Emergency Services Foundation Board, is the Chair of the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association Publication Committee, and is a Fellow of the Ohio Emergency Services Foundation. Chief Menapace also serves on the advisory board for the Ohio Fire Academy as well as Central Ohio Technical College's Public Safety Advisory Committee. He is regularly published in the Ohio Fire Chiefs' quarterly magazine, "In Command". Assistant Chief Menapace serves on all subcommittees of the Franklin County Opiate Action Plan and is the co-chair of the First Responder Subcommittee.

He has successfully changed the role that EMS providers play in helping communities battle the opioid crisis. Traditionally, the role of

EMS providers has been to administer naloxone to overdose patients, stabilize them and transport them to the hospital. Through research, conversation and engaging in the Franklin County Opiate Action Plan, he learned that access to treatment was a big barrier to those seeking help. Assistant Chief Menapace adopted a program that makes an impact before the overdose occurs, and in June 2018 he spearheaded making the Whitehall Division of Fire into the S.A.F.E. Station, which stands for Stop Addiction for Everyone. Any person in active addiction can walk through the Whitehall Division of Fire's doors 24/7, 365 days per year to receive a brief medical screening and transportation for further treatment.



Asst. Chief Christopher Menapace and U.S. Senator Rob Portman.

# EMS PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

Because of his established relationships with various addiction treatment partners and the community, he has been able to meet the medical needs of every S.A.F.E. Station patient that walks through their doors. Since the Station's opening, nearly 600 people have sought treatment and more than 500 have been transported to treatment.

Assistant Chief Menapace assessed and transported over 150 patients himself and more than 200 community members have attended town hall meetings hosted by Whitehall to raise awareness.

Through Assistant Chief Menapace's advocacy, roundtable discussions were hosted with the Chief and the U.S. Surgeon General Vice Admiral Jerome Adams and separately with U.S. Senator Rob Portman. He also spoke at the town hall meeting "Your Voice. Your Future." in Cedarville, Ohio along with other guests including Ohio Governor Mike DeWine.

Assistant Chief Menapace is not only an excellent representation of what EMS does, but of what EMS can do to raise the level of pre-hospital care for the community and successfully combat the opioid crisis.



*Pictured: Caitlin Looney, Franklin County Office of Justice Policy and Programs, U.S. Surgeon General Vice Admiral Jerome Adams, and Asst. Chief Christopher Menapace.*



*Chief Preston Moore, Whitehall Mayor Maggard, and Asst. Chief Christopher Menapace.*

# MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

**AMY RAUBENOLT, M.D.**  
CLEVELAND CLINIC AKRON GENERAL

Dr. Raubenolt is described by her peers as selfless, innovative and an incredible asset to the Paramedic Program at Cleveland Clinic Akron General. She is the medical director for Akron Fire and EMS, Stow Fire Department, Akron Fire/Police SWAT/Tactical EMS, and Cleveland Clinic Akron General EMS where she is known to go above and beyond what one would consider as “normal” involvement from a medical director. Dr. Raubenolt completed an EMS Fellowship and is certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine in EMS. She is an attending emergency physician in a Level One Trauma Center Emergency Department.



Her tireless pursuit to teach EMS skills and EMS continuing education to fellow providers should be noted. She keeps all of her departments up-to-date on the newest equipment, protocols and practices in the EMS community and holds them all to a higher standard of excellence. As a former EMT/ firefighter she understands the need for EMS providers to be at the top of their game when treating patients.

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She is known to share any new practices with other medical directors who are responsible for other fire departments under the Cleveland Clinic Akron General umbrella.

She serves as a mentor to interns and residents and serves on various committees. She is currently the chair elect of the Northeast Ohio Regional Trauma Network, is a member of the Northern Ohio Trauma Network, the Regional Physicians Advisory Board, and the National Association of EMS Physicians. Dr. Raubenolt has published in peer journals and was a technical reviewer for the National Model EMS Clinical Guidelines.

Dr. Raubenolt has significantly contributed to excellence in EMS, both as a provider and educator. She demonstrates a clear commitment to quality improvement in EMS. Her leadership as an educator has inspired most to strive for excellence and dedicate their services to providing high quality care in the Cleveland, Stow and Akron communities.



# FRANK GIAMPETRO DISTINGUISHED EMS EDUCATOR AWARD

## DOUG LARUE

EMS CHIEF, ALGER EMS & LIMA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Chief LaRue is described by his peers as candid, compassionate and truly dedicated to the education of the citizens of Lima. He has served on various committees and advisory boards and is known for his motto “be nice and smile.”



Chief LaRue has dedicated 25 years of service to the profession as an EMS manager at Lima Memorial Hospital and as an EMS Chief to Alger EMS where he manages 25 local EMS and fire departments, and is recognized as a dynamic educator who has made notable contributions. Such contributions include “Operation Hope” that was created out of the need to provide mentors for patients who are struggling with addiction. He has also provided narcan training to the Upper Scioto Valley staff and partnered with the Ohio State Highway Patrol Lima Post, the Allen County Sheriff’s Office and the Lima Police Department in the Narcan Distribution & Training Program that is coordinated through Lima Memorial Hospital. This unique collaboration allows on-duty law enforcement units the ability to replenish their narcan supply on the same day it is used, distributing the life-saving medication to aid another person in need.

His contribution to teaching EMS skills and EMS continuing education to fellow providers and the local community should also be noted. He is an American Heart Association Basic Life Support instructor, a Stop the Bleed instructor and he has trained more than 146 Upper Scioto Valley High School students “Hands Only” CPR.

Chief LaRue has contributed EMS-related articles to local newspaper outlets, and has received community awards spanning from 1999-2017.

Chief LaRue has contributed significantly to excellence in EMS, both as a provider and educator. His leadership has inspired most to strive for excellence, providing high quality care to the City of Lima and Allen County communities.



# JACK B. LIBERATOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

## CHARLES WILLIS “BILL” TROY EMT, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (RETIRED)

Bill Troy has dedicated more than 45 years to pre-hospital care and public safety. He came from a traditional fire service family and began his career in 1956 by joining the Martins Ferry Volunteer Fire Department and a year later, joined the emergency squad serving as a company officer and eventually as Captain of Emergency Medical and Heavy Rescue Services. Mr. Troy became a state certified EMS and fire service instructor and spent many years training volunteer firefighters and EMTs throughout eastern and southeastern Ohio.



He eventually moved to Columbus where he dedicated 22 years of service to the Ohio Department of Education and four years to the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

The contributions and impact made by Mr. Troy to the EMS profession are numerous and significant. In 1960 Bill Troy took one of the first courses offered by the State of Ohio, taught by Jack Liberator, the namesake of this award and who is also known as the “Father of EMT Training”.

Mr. Troy was issued the first license to work as an emergency medical technician by Ohio in 1976. He is the co-founder of the Southeast Ohio Fire Chief’s Association and developed the annual New Fire Chiefs Educational Symposium in cooperation with the Ohio Fire Academy.

As special projects coordinator for the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Mr. Troy developed the first statewide EMS resource manual

# JACK B. LIBERATOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



*Troy family at Ohio Fire Hall of Honor: Bradley Troy, Mrs. Ruth Mae Troy, Bill Troy, and Kathy Farrington.*

and state disaster plan. In conjunction with the Ohio Department of Health, he also developed the first in-hospital training guidelines for new emergency medical technicians.

Bill Troy has received many special honors, commendations and awards for his contributions to the development of emergency medical care in Ohio. In 1996 and 1997, respectively, he was inducted into the Ohio Association of Emergency Medical Service Hall of Fame and he received the Governor's Ohio Distinguished Fire Service Award and was inducted into the Ohio Fire Service Hall of Fame at the Ohio Fire Academy in Reynoldsburg.

The legacy that Mr. Bill Troy has left for other EMS professionals to build upon reflects his commitment, compassion, and dedication to the Emergency Medical Services field and Ohio citizens.



# EMS STARS

## BEREA FIRE DEPARTMENT



Capt. Mickey Herreid  
Paramedic/FF



Lt. Terrell Ledwell  
Paramedic/FF



Patrick McCarthy  
Paramedic/FF



Evan Mihacevich  
Paramedic/FF



Kyle Woodie  
Paramedic/FF



Alex Kundrat  
Cleveland F.D. EMT/FF



Anthony Sessin  
Patient

On July 8, 2018, Berea Fire Department received a call for a catastrophic motorcycle crash. Upon arrival, they found 62-year-old Tony Sessin, a retired paramedic from Cleveland EMS, lying in the road, severely injured. The impact of the crash sent Sessin over the windshield of his motorcycle. He suffered road rash and lacerations on his head, neck and arms, but his most severe injury was to his left leg which was shattered, severing the arteries that send blood to his foot and calf. All of his toes on both feet were also broken.

Mr. Sessin lost a significant amount of blood and the bleeding remained difficult to control. A Good Samaritan who left when the Berea Fire Department arrived on scene recognized the importance of bleeding control and applied a tourniquet using a belt. Paramedics applied another tourniquet to Sessin's leg to control bleeding, splinted his leg, placed him on a backboard with headlocks and transported him to Metro Health Medical Center while treating his pain with medication. Sessin's left leg was amputated. Because of the actions of the Berea paramedics and the Good Samaritan, who was later identified as Cleveland firefighter Alex Kundrat, Mr. Sessin survived his devastating injuries.

The individuals involved in Mr. Sessin's care are all commended for their actions that day. From the initial call, quick action to control bleeding, high quality care and rapid transport to the most appropriate facility afforded Mr. Sessin an increased chance of survival and a successful recovery.

# EMS STARS

## BUTLER TOWNSHIP FIRE & EMS



Lt. Reed Rohr  
Paramedic/FF



Corey Mock  
Paramedic/FF



Ryan Boone  
Paramedic/FF



Ian Geer  
Paramedic/FF



Kari Eggleston  
AEMT/FF

## HUBER HEIGHTS FIRE & EMS



Batt. Chief Michael Muhl  
Paramedic/FF



Lt. Ken Stiefel  
Paramedic/FF



Chris Warrick  
Paramedic/FF



Brian Koss  
Paramedic/FF



Jack Jacobsen  
Paramedic/FF



Tom Crawford  
Paramedic/FF



Corey Gebhart  
Paramedic/FF



Steve Goetz  
Paramedic/FF

## MEDFLIGHT



Kameron Carter  
RN/Paramedic



Doug Rydbeck  
Paramedic/FF



Miguel Gaeta, MD  
Trauma Surgeon



Rachel Snyder  
Trauma NP



Sara Nickell  
Surgical Technician

## KETTERING HEALTH NETWORK

## KETTERING MOBILECARE



Dereck Pristas  
Paramedic/FF



Brian Collins  
Paramedic/FF



Justin Lightner  
Paramedic/FF



Brittini Blanco  
EMT

On September 1, 2018, Butler Township Fire and EMS of Montgomery County arrived on the scene of a tractor trailer crash. A tractor trailer had slid off the road at highway speeds striking a concrete wall. Huber Heights Fire and EMS arrived on scene to provide mutual aid. The patient was entrapped in the trailer's cab, pinned with the mangled metal impaling his right lower extremity.

EMS immobilized and treated the patient, administering oxygen, establishing IVs and an intraosseous line, and infused fluids. Crews worked tirelessly to remove the patient without success. After reassessing the situation, crews requested Kettering Health's Surgical Emergency Response Team to the scene led by Dr. Miguel Gaeta. Kettering's MobileCare transported the SERT team to the scene. A field amputation procedure of the patient's right lower extremity was successful and he was removed from the cab. The patient was intubated and transported by Medflight. While en route to Kettering Medical Center, the patient received a blood transfusion and was resuscitated prior to landing at the level II trauma center.

The prompt treatment, intervention, teamwork and overall level of care provided by Butler Township Fire and EMS, Huber Heights Fire and EMS, Medflight, Kettering Health's Surgical Emergency Response Team and MobileCare saved Mr. Azimov's life that day.

*Not Pictured: Geoff Campbell, MedFlight Pilot  
Ziyovaddin Azimov, Patient*

# EMS STARS

## CITY OF FAIRFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT



Chief Don Bennett  
EMT



Capt. Jamie Ruhl  
Paramedic



Brent Gerrety  
Paramedic



Jon Krueckeberg  
Paramedic



Kyle Schauer  
Paramedic



Chris Simpson  
Paramedic



Disp. Supv. John Meyer  
Fairfield Police



Disp. Tracy Brown  
Fairfield Police



Ofc. Craig Moore  
Fairfield Police



Jeff Logeman  
Air Care Pilot



Michael Kaszky  
Air Care MD



Jennifer Hacker  
Air Care RN/Paramedic



Stephen Tacy  
Patient



Tyler Tacy  
Son of Patient

*Not Pictured: Tristen Fields, Fairfield EMT  
Billy Spoonamore, Fairfield EMT*

On August 27, 2018, 65-year-old Stephen Tacy and his adult son were performing electrical work inside a local warehouse when Stephen's neck came in contact with a 440 volt live wire electrocuting him and causing him to lose consciousness. His son, Tyler, immediately called 911 and dispatcher Tracy Brown answered his call. Tyler explained that he could not feel a pulse and Tracy instructed him to administer "hands only" CPR. Tracy's supervisor, John Meyer was working the police side of the dispatch center that day and was instrumental in communicating with responding medical units.

Upon arrival, the City of Fairfield Fire Department arrived on scene and performed a rapid assessment of the patient while taking over CPR from the patient's son. The crew delivered a defibrillation shock, continued advanced life support, and requested Air Care transport. They also established an intraosseous line and administered fluids.

Chief Don Bennett and Officer Craig Moore worked in coordination with the Air Care crew to establish a safe landing zone. Air Care landed and performed rapid sequence intubation on the patient, placed him on a ventilator and started an IV. The patient was transported to the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, a level 1 trauma center for further treatment.

Stephen Tacy's condition improved rapidly at the hospital and he was discharged one week later.

This is a perfect example of how pre-arrival CPR instructions from dispatch, teamwork, and cooperation with local providers can deliver the vital care needed to make a life-saving difference.

# EMS STARS

## CITY OF MIDDLETOWN DIVISION OF FIRE



Jason Venters  
Paramedic/FF



Chris Butler  
Paramedic/FF



Jim Malin  
Paramedic/FF



Josh Myers  
Paramedic/FF



Jacob Smith  
Paramedic/FF



Connie Tyree  
Care Flight Flight Nurse



Amanda Van Diver  
Care Flight Flight Nurse



Rob Nickel  
Care Flight Pilot



Pamela Dershem  
Care Flight Comm. Spec.



Paul Rizzo  
Patient

On May 12, 2018, 53 year-old Paul Rizzo, a highly experienced and knowledgeable skydiver who has made more than 1,000 successful jumps over a 30-year span, attempted a complicated jump that failed due to a faulty parachute. His descent to the ground was estimated at 100 miles per hour.

The City of Middletown Division of Fire was dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival they found Mr. Rizzo with significant injuries to the lower half of his body. After further assessment they discovered that Mr. Rizzo suffered multiple fractures to both legs, pelvis and spine. The most severe injury was an aortic tear, which results in death in nearly 90 percent of patients. The crew made the decision to dispatch CareFlight Air and Mobile Services realizing that his injuries would exceed the capabilities of the local hospital.

The crew began treating the patient by maintaining an airway, initiating an IV and full spinal immobilization. Within minutes CareFlight arrived on scene and flew Mr. Rizzo to a level I trauma center, Miami Valley Hospital, where the vascular surgeon, Dr. Garietta Falls performed an endovascular aortic repair to Paul's heart. Five days after the vascular surgery, Dr. Timothy Peters, fixed his pelvis with plates and screws. His brother Dr. Paul Peters placed a rod inside Mr. Rizzo's shattered tibia. Twenty-four days after Mr. Rizzo's accident, he left the hospital.

The quick response, strong teamwork and well-coordinated efforts between fire, EMS, air medical and the level 1 trauma center led to Mr. Rizzo's positive outcome.

# EMS STARS

## HANCO EMS



Asst. Chief Craig Spieker  
Paramedic/FF



Jason Pastor  
Paramedic



Chris Lechman  
EMT



Ricki Francis  
Mt. Cory Paramedic/FF



Dominic Francis  
Mt. Cory EMR/FF



Darren Hulbert  
Life Flight Pilot



Dean Hankins  
Life Flight Paramedic/FF/RN



Todd Wilson  
Life Flight RN/CFRN/CEN/NR-P



Max Brown  
Patient

On August 9, 2018, Hanco EMS of Findlay, Ohio, Mt. Cory Fire Department and Mercy St. Vincent Life Flight responded to a semi-truck vs. pedestrian crash on Interstate 75. Witnesses advised that the patient, 47 year-old Max Brown was working at the front of his disabled semi-tractor-trailer when he stepped from the front of the truck and was struck by another semi-tractor trailer that was traveling 65 miles per hour. Mr. Brown was thrown 50 feet off the side of the road. Bystanders stopped and rendered aid, which included CPR until EMS and fire arrived.

Assistant Chief and paramedic Craig Spieker was first to arrive on the scene and found Mr. Brown semi-conscious and disoriented. He had a large wound to his left side with severe bleeding, a partial amputation of his left leg just below the knee and a head injury with multiple lacerations. A tourniquet was applied to control bleeding. Paramedic/firefighter Jason Pastor and EMT Chris Lechman from Hanco EMS arrived, assessed the patient and packed his wounds with sterile dressings to control bleeding. Paramedic/firefighter Ricki Francis and EMR/Firefighter Dominic Francis from the Mt. Cory Fire Department also arrived on scene to assist.

The patient was stabilized and loaded into the ambulance. Once in the ambulance no pulse could be detected from the patient and CPR was started immediately. Mr. Brown started to breathe on his own shortly thereafter. Mercy St. Vincent Life Flight arrived on the scene where they took over care and stabilized him after a second cardiac arrest occurred. He was flown to the University of Toledo Medical Center where he underwent surgery. Mr. Brown remained in the hospital for several weeks and was discharged to a rehabilitation facility where he completed rehab and has since returned home.

Because of the quick response and actions taken that day by bystanders and the EMS and fire crews that included high quality CPR, bleeding control and airway stabilization, Mr. Brown had the best chance of survival.

# EMS STARS

## HOMEWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY



Chief Brian Baker  
EMR/FF



Asst. Chief Jim Stryffeler  
EMR/FF



Dawn Westover  
Paramedic/FF



Scott Koehn  
EMR/FF



Lt. Jake Stryffeler  
FF



Lieutenant Clark Koehn  
EMR/FF



Jon Bloor  
FF



James Davis  
EMT Ambulance Paramedic/FF



Joshua Rhome  
EMT Ambulance EMT/FF



Duane Wilbur  
EMT Ambulance EMT/FF



Tammy Jewell  
EMT Ambulance Paramedic



Lisa Martin  
STAT MedEvac RN



Tracy Wheeler  
Sebring Police Dispatcher



Ron Matz  
Patient

On April 15, 2018 Homeworth Volunteer Fire Company was dispatched to a fireworks incident. First on the scene was Homeworth Volunteer Fire member Lieutenant Jim Stryffeler, who is also a friend to the 53-year-old patient Ron Matz. He found Mr. Matz laying on the ground with severe facial injuries, including a partial nose and arm dismemberment and multiple wounds to the chest. Mr. Matz's wife was present and had already applied bandages to her husband's wounds to stop excessive bleeding.

Lt. Stryffeler took over and immediately began working on controlling the bleeding and maintaining an open airway for the patient. Dispatch had an ambulance on the way, but because of the severity of Matz's injuries, a STAT MedEvac was called. Several department members arrived, loaded the patient in the ambulance, and continued providing care until the STAT arrived.

STAT took over the care of Mr. Matz. The team applied a tourniquet to stop the bleeding on his arm, started an IV, treated his chest and facial wounds, and stabilized him. Miraculously, Mr. Matz managed to stay awake during the entire ordeal. He was flown to St. Elizabeth's Hospital by STAT MedEvac, where the trauma team took over his care. Mr. Matz made a full recovery.

Because the Homeworth Volunteer Fire Company, the STAT MedEvac and the trauma team from St. Elizabeth Hospital put all of their training and job experiences together, they were able to make a life-saving difference.

*Not Pictured:*  
*Dave Larosa, STAT MedEvac Paramedic,*  
*William Sweeney, STAT MedEvac Pilot*

# EMS STARS

## MAYFIELD HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT



Lt. Jeff Lanhan  
Paramedic/FF



Tom Zdanowicz  
Paramedic/FF



Kevin Costantino  
Paramedic/FF



Ryan Gvora  
Paramedic/FF



Dr. Tony Capizzani  
Trauma Medical Director/  
Surgeon



Eric Parnell  
Patient

On June 6, 2018 the Mayfield Heights Fire Department was dispatched to a home for a male down and in shock. Upon arrival the EMS team found Eric Parnell in seizure-like activity and lying on the front porch of his home with a neighbor tending to him. The patient's brother conveyed that he and Mr. Parnell were trying to move a pickup truck out of the driveway when it rolled forward and pinned Mr. Parnell against a telephone pole. He was able to remove himself from in between the truck and the pole, but could walk only a few steps before he collapsed.

While supporting his breathing, the EMS team quickly packaged the patient and moved him to the ambulance, recognizing it was imperative to not delay transport. The team notified Hillcrest Hospital in advance that they had a critically ill patient with a crush injury. The EMS Coordinator at the hospital stated that the EMS team's verbal report to the hospital was concise, to the point and professional.

During transport Mr. Parnell's condition rapidly deteriorated. The EMS crew intubated him and secured a peripheral IV line access for fluid replacement, which proved to be life-saving. Dr. Tony Capizzani, the trauma medical director, praised the heroic crew for providing life-saving measures, quick decisions, EMS teamwork and technical success at field intubation because it was the only reason the patient made it to the hospital alive. Mr. Parnell experienced cardiac arrest and required CPR in the emergency room. It was discovered in the operating room that aside from his other injuries, he suffered a rare, traumatic cardiac rupture that has a 90 percent fatality rate. Dr. Capizzani said that this was the biggest "save" in which he had personally ever been involved in and he was humbled to have such an amazing EMS rescue team in their town.

Mr. Parnell underwent multiple surgeries for his injuries and spent several weeks in intensive rehabilitation and recovery. Nine months after surgery Mr. Parnell walked into his doctor's office with his supportive family to announce that he graduated from the rehabilitation center and was finally going home to cook for himself.

Everyone involved in Eric Parnell's care are all to be commended for their actions that day. From the initial call, the clear communication, high quality care and rapid transport all played a significant role in Mr. Parnell's survival.

# EMS STARS

## OXFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT



Sarah Hudnall  
Paramedic/FF



Jeremy Smith  
Paramedic/FF



Anna Geary  
EMT



Johnny Smith  
EMT/FF



Officer Jacob Hayes  
Oxford Police



Sergeant Joshua Jenkins  
Oxford Police



Katie Nethers  
Butler Co 911 Dispatcher



Matt Patel, MD

### SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC FIRST RESPONDERS

Elana Moran  
Don Sixt  
Janet Duncil  
Louis Kaperczyk  
Debbie Smith  
Erica Richardson  
Donna Rowe  
Chris Brown



Karen Sauerland  
Patient

On April 4, 2018 the Oxford Fire Department was dispatched to Schneider Electric for a possible heart attack. Karen Sauerland, age 57 had entered work a few minutes early, walked to her desk and immediately collapsed on the floor.

One of Ms. Sauerland's co-workers heard her gasping and recognized she was in trouble. The co-worker called the onsite emergency response team and they immediately responded, requested an outside squad for assistance, and began CPR and AED application.

Upon arrival, the crew from Oxford EMS found patient Karen Sauerland on the floor with no pulse, not breathing and co-workers providing CPR. The patient's vital signs were checked and an AED shock was administered. CPR was resumed and after a few minutes another shock was administered. EMS personnel from Oxford took over and provided advanced cardiac care. She regained a palpable pulse and began breathing.

The Oxford EMS crew transported Ms. Sauerland to McCullough Hyde Memorial Hospital for further treatment. It was discovered that she suffered 99 percent blockage of her right coronary artery. She has since recovered.

Oxford Fire Department and Schneider Electric's Emergency Response Team exemplify EMS' role in providing excellent care to patients, as well as showing the importance of teamwork by different agencies.

# EMS STARS

## TRI-VILLAGE RESCUE SERVICES



Asst. Chief Matti Sowry  
Paramedic



Eric Burns  
EMS Chief/Paramedic



Logan Puterbaugh  
EMT



Elizabeth Marker  
EMT



Lisa Hummel  
Paramedic



Damion Cook  
EMT/FF



Kim Baker  
EMT



Sarah Shiverdecker  
EMT



William Jones  
Paramedic

## NEW MADISON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



Capt. Jerry Hosapple  
EMR/FF



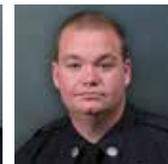
Chief Robert Cook  
EMR/FF



Chris Davis  
EMR/FF



Lt. Jeremy Doolin  
FF



Josh Doolin  
FF



Mark Frech  
EMR/FF



Don Gilbert  
FF



Charles Godsey  
FF



Brent Hollinger  
EMR/FF



Zachary Hosapple  
FF



Lt. Austin Mikesell  
FF



Asst. Chief Randy Mikesell  
FF



Casey Pearson  
FF



Chris Rothwell  
FF



Dep. Chief Tim Shahan  
EMR/FF



Deputy Mike Day  
Darke Co. Sheriff



Deputy Josh Brinley  
Darke Co. Sheriff



Sergeant Steve Mills  
Darke Co. Sheriff



Deputy Arron Wood  
Darke Co. Sheriff



Disp. Kirby Wilcox  
Darke Co. Sheriff

On February 28, 2018, Tri-Village Rescue Services, New Madison Volunteer Fire Department, and Darke County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a one-vehicle rollover crash into a field. Upon arrival EMS and firefighters began the daunting task of locating all injured persons. Due to the dark and inclement weather, and the fact that some of the crash victims were located 30 to 60 yards away from the vehicle, it made the task more difficult.

Chief Robert Cook of New Madison and Chief Eric Burns of Tri-Village set up a command system. Within minutes the New Madison team had lights set up and were able to identify victims and begin triage. The total count found were six individuals involved including five adults and one juvenile. All victims were ejected from the vehicle with the exception of one adult female who was able to crawl out of the vehicle.

EMS requested CareFlight and MedFlight for support but due to incoming storms, neither aircraft were cleared to fly. Mutual aid medics were called in from Arcanum Rescue, Greenville Township Rescue and Versailles Rescue. All resources from the fire department and EMS worked diligently to get all five ejected patients back-boarded, stabilized and moved to the treatment and transport staging areas. The first two red patients were transported by Tri-Village Rescue immediately.

The firefighters from New Madison Volunteer Fire Department played an integral role in helping to establish the treatment areas, as well as the transport areas with Chief Cook and Chief Burns, getting the resources needed during this emergency situation. All patients were removed from the scene within 30 minutes of the incident.

This serves as an example of how teamwork and cooperation with local providers can deliver the vital care needed to make a life-saving difference.

# EMS STAR OF LIFE

# SPECIAL THANKS TO...

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.



## **EMS Star of Life Speakers**

Thomas J. Stickrath – *Director, Ohio Department of Public Safety*  
Melvin R. House – *Executive Director, Division of EMS*

## **EMS Star of Life Presenters**

Dudley Wright – *Chair, State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, & Transportation Services*  
Carol Cunningham, MD, FAAEM, FAEMS – *State of Ohio Medical Director*  
Thomas Tallman, DO, FACEP – *State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, & Transportation Services and Ohio Chapter, American College of Emergency Physicians*

## **EMS Star of Life Organizer**

Valerie Koker – *Executive Assistant, Division of EMS*

## **EMS Star of Life Pins & Program Logistics**

Laura Tiberi – *Ohio Chapter, American College of Emergency Physicians*

## **EMS Star of Life Video Voiceover**

James Whitworth – *Supervisor, Fire & Safety Services, Great Oaks Career Campus*

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## **EMS Star of Life Photographers**

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## **“When Those Sirens Are Gone” Video**

Performed by: Kevin Davison, singer, songwriter, paramedic and firefighter  
Written by: Kevin Davison and Doug Folkins  
Video sponsored by: The Tema Memorial Trust



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