

2025 EMS Award Recipients

Outstanding EMS Response

1. On March 17th, 2025, a 3-year-old child was riding a scooter on the sidewalk in his neighborhood. A vehicle that was parked in the driveway of a neighbor's home had started to roll backwards from an inclined driveway, without an occupant in the vehicle. This vehicle rolled over the child and continued rolling for 12 feet while dragging the child underneath the vehicle from the sidewalk to the street.

911 was called and Eagan Fire Department were the first to arrive finding bystanders attempting to lift the vehicle off the child. Captain Miller was able to confirm that the child was breathing but trapped underneath the car with the rear tire on the child's helmet. Captain Miller, Firefighters Kindelspire and Morris worked quickly to prepare lifting the vehicle off the child. Using a spreader extrication tool, they lifted the vehicle off the child while simultaneously placing cribbing to capture progress of the lift. Firefighters completed this in under 3 minutes of their arrival. Paramedics arrived, then transported the child within 4 minutes to Regions Hospital with no cranial fractures.

Eagan Fire Department

Nate Miller

Rob Morris

Nick Kindelspire

Kevin Teat

Jacob Cordt

Amy Reding

Mike Winters

M Health Fairview EMS

Loyan Dennis

Logan Enderson

2. On the morning of January 23, 2025, Firefighter Bruce Sword began experiencing chest pain while on duty. He approached the paramedics and asked them for a 12 lead ECG assessment. During the assessment, he went into cardiac arrest. The paramedics and firefighters jumped into action quickly to perform life-saving measures. They rapidly transferred him into a cot and began performing CPR and other forms of cardiac arrest care. The patient was then transported to Regions Hospital, and he made a full recovery and left the hospital 4 days later with no lasting neurological damage.

M Health Fairview EMS

Kyle Konkel

Wesley McDonald

Rosemount Fire Department

Will McDonald

Matt Ausmus

Dave Nowlin

Chad Ganfield

3. On 3/10/2025 at 11:37PM, South St. Paul officers responded to a medical call involving a 24-year-old female who was in labor in South St. Paul. The patient was home alone and unable to get in contact with her family to help her. Officers arrived and found the patient in bed who was visibly distressed. The officers coached the patient through the process and manually delivered a healthy baby girl named Journey. Upon delivery, officers continued medical care for both patients, cleaning and clearing the baby's airway, and assisted South Metro Fire personnel with further care. As the mother was not able to get in contact with her family due to the time of night, responding officers also went above and beyond to make personal notification at the residence of the patient's family to notify them of the wonderful news. It is not every day that police help bring a child into the world. The officers and paramedics who responded to this displayed incredible professionalism and a great understanding of medical aid to assist in successfully delivering a baby.

South St. Paul Police Department

Jered Deal

Peter Harris

Dylan Christensen

South Metro Fire Department

MacKenzie Asp
Brandon Buckley
Peter Friend
Jared Rorabeck
Pat Noack

4. On April 11th, 2024, at 07:53 AM, Mary Watry responded to a call for service on the 2000-block of 78th St E, Inver Grove Heights, involving a 69-year-old male who was found unresponsive by his daughter and wife. Following established emergency medical dispatch protocols, Mary expertly guided the reporting party through CPR instructions, ensuring that chest compressions were being performed correctly. Throughout the call, Mary remained calm, composed, and reassuring, providing continuous encouragement to the caller to maintain the compressions until emergency responders arrived to take over. The patient was subsequently transported, placed on an ECMO machine, and made a full recovery. The pre-arrival CPR instructions provided by Mary were undoubtedly instrumental in the successful outcome for this patient.

Dakota 911

Mary Watry

5. On August 6, 2024, at 12:35 PM, Tori Bourdages received a call for service on the 12000-block of Lock Blvd in Nininger Township, regarding a male individual who had lost consciousness and was exhibiting abnormal breathing. During the assessment and while following emergency medical dispatch protocols, it was determined that the patient was possibly not breathing, prompting the initiation of CPR. Tori also continued to provide updates throughout the call to help direct responders to the patient. Upon their arrival, responders continued CPR, and after defibrillation, a pulse was successfully restored. By the time the patient arrived at the hospital, he was able to communicate with the medical team.

Dakota 911

Tori Bourdage

6. On November 23rd, 2024, at 01:35 AM, Alyssa Stadtler responded to an emergency call on Interstate 35E in Apple Valley. The caller reported that her husband had lost consciousness while they were enroute to the hospital. Utilizing emergency medical dispatch protocols, Alyssa quickly assessed the situation and determined that the patient was not breathing, necessitating immediate CPR. Alyssa calmly guided the caller through the process of removing the patient from the vehicle and provided clear, step-by-step CPR instructions. Throughout the call, Alyssa offered continuous support, encouraging the caller and counting along with her as she performed chest compressions. She remained on the line until emergency responders arrived and took

over care. Upon their arrival, the patient was defibrillated and transported to the hospital, where they recovered and were subsequently discharged. Alyssa's exceptional handling of this critical situation undoubtedly contributed to the successful outcome and the patient's recovery.

Dakota 911

Alyssa Stadtler

Outstanding EMS Action by a Citizen

YMCA Lifeguard- Lauren LeMay, Hastings

On 11/12/24 Lauren was working at the YMCA as a lifeguard when she saw a member who had been swimming laps get out of the pool and start walking over to the whirlpool area when he collapsed. Lauren rushed over to him and called emergency in the pool over her radio. She next noticed the member was not breathing and did not have a pulse and then directed help to call 911. The AED was placed on the member and CPR was started. One shock was delivered prior to EMS arrival. When EMS arrived, the member was awake and talking. Other staff there told me that Lauren took control of the scene immediately by directing others who were assisting. The member was transported to the hospital and was discharged with an implanted defibrillator. The member's life was saved by the quick actions of Lauren.