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Stars of Life Recognition Program

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On behalf of the Professional Ambulance Association of Wisconsin, we honor and recognize the outstanding contribution you have made to the emergency field and the Wisconsin communities you serve.

Dan Williams, PAAW President



**Mark Barry, EMT-Intermediate
Plymouth, Wisconsin
Plymouth Ambulance Service**

Mark is being honored by Plymouth Ambulance for his dedication, professionalism, leadership, and patient care advocacy. Mark serves as a member on the Plymouth Ambulance Board of Directors, and is responsible for supply inventory and purchasing. He presents himself as an EMS Professional and demands professionalism from his co-workers. Mark was an instrumental part of the 2006 Plymouth Ambulance JEMS Team which competed in Baltimore and finished 3rd out of 22 teams from around the country. He helps the community training program by providing CPR training to different community organizations. Mark is an avid Chicago Bears fan and shares his skills as a trained chef by preparing wonderful holiday meals for the crews that are working on various holidays.



**Rick Barton, Paramedic
LaCrosse, Wisconsin
Tri-State Ambulance**

Rick began his EMS career in 1975 and has worked for Tri-State Ambulance in La Crosse since 1976. He serves as a role model for the entire EMS system and exemplifies professionalism and compassion for the patients in his care, and his fellow employees. He is an Advanced Cardiac Life Support Instructor, a Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support Instructor, a Pediatric Advanced Life Support Instructor and a Training Center Faculty for the American Heart Association. Rick has a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education and serves as a preceptor for new paramedics and paramedic students. Rick's most "memorable" calls include the successful delivery of a baby in the back of the ambulance that presented breach, and a cardiac arrest victim who regained consciousness after he and his partner administered electrical defibrillation.

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Karen Wesley, Paramedic
Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Gold Cross/Mayo Clinic Medical
Transport

Karen Wesley is being recognized for demonstrating her commitment to Gold Cross' mission of "providing superior patient care." Karen was recently recognized by the Eau Claire County SWAT Team for dedication and leadership in planning, training, and activation of the team. The Eau Claire County SWAT Team Leader presented Karen with a uniform patch, which few are privileged to wear. Emblazoned with the words "Those Who Dare" on the top rocker, and "Respect All, Fear None" on the bottom rocker, the patch is reserved for a select few who demonstrate commitment, leadership, respect, and dedication. The patch has never been awarded to anyone other than a police officer. In addition to work as a paramedic with Gold Cross, Karen is an active instructor for the Wisconsin Technical College System.



Terrence Wise, Paramedic
Baraboo, Wisconsin
Baraboo District Ambulance
Service

Terry Wise is being honored for 26 years of dedication to EMS. Terry has always been a leader- from crew chief to Chief of the service. As the Chief, Terry has an "open door policy", welcoming anyone to sit and discuss openly issues of any kind. Terry displayed exemplary courage at one point during his career when his infant granddaughter had a medical emergency, resulting in cardiac arrest and death. Terry participated in the resuscitation efforts and was with her until the end. Terry has been a CPR instructor for 20 years, and volunteers on several committees including: SCRTAC, LEPC, County Emergency Management, along with local service organizations. Terry has a wife, 3 sons and 4 grandchildren.



Jeremy Becker, Paramedic
Plymouth, Wisconsin
Plymouth Ambulance Service

Jeremy is being honored by Plymouth Ambulance Service for his dedication, professionalism, and patient care advocacy. He is the Training Officer and coordinates in-house training and community education. Over the past year, Jeremy has developed and coordinated an AHA Training Site at Plymouth Ambulance Service. He works with the seven First Responder Groups in the area to provide continuity of care from time First Responders arrive on scene to the arrival of Plymouth Ambulance Service. While not working at Plymouth Ambulance Service, he enjoys outdoor activities and his vacation time; fishing throughout the year and camping in the summer. Jeremy's dedication to Plymouth ambulance service is number one priority. He looks forward to his long career in Plymouth and serving the community he lives in.



John Burtch, EMT
Sussex, Wisconsin
Meda-Care Ambulance Service

John Burtch has been on the Sussex Fire Department since 1996 and with Meda-Care Ambulance since 1999. Day in and day out, John exemplifies what an EMT is all about.....he uses teamwork, good communication and problem-solving skills in each and every event. He leads by example and as a field training officer, uses his experience and calm demeanor to help out new EMTs. He is always striving to improve his own skills as well, and approaches the job with a positive outlook, incorporating teamwork in his everyday work. In John's spare time away from EMS, he is a cabinet-maker, pilot, and loves to travel.



Tammy Clyse, EMT
Hartford, Wisconsin
Paratech Ambulance Service

Tammy Clyse exhibits enthusiasm and a genuine caring attitude for her patients and her co-workers. While returning from a call in July of 2007 Tammy and her partner were flagged down by a citizen in a car. In the car they found a female who had a pulse but was not breathing. They immediately requested ALS support and began an assessment of the patient. The patient became PNB during the assessment and the crew applied the AED. With one shock from the AED a pulse was regained. Shortly thereafter the ALS crew arrived and took over care. Tammy's quick action and assessment allowed this patient to arrive at the hospital breathing and with a pulse. She exhibited the skills and commitment that she regularly exhibits at Paratech Ambulance Service. She previously served as a Lieutenant on the Allenton Fire Department. She has many diverse interests and shares her love of the outdoors and travel with her four children.



Dominic Ehman, RN
New Richmond, Wisconsin
Life Link III Ambulance

Dominic has been a nurse at Life Link III since 2001, working in both ground and helicopter ambulance transportation services. Dominic demonstrates exceptional clinical skills and has helped Life Link III with its dedication to safety, serving as an outreach educator and instructing many local services about safe operations in and around the helicopter. Dominic has worked for St. Croix EMS in Hudson, Wisconsin for 11 years and has served as a flight nurse with the National Guard for 8 years. Life Link III is extremely proud of Dominic, his dedication to his country and above all, to the excellent care of his patients.



Tom Sundstrom, EMT
Krakow, Wisconsin
N.E.W. Para-Medic Rescue

Tom Sundstrom got involved in EMS in 2005 when he saw the need for first responders and approached the newly formed N.E.W. Para-Medic Rescue to see how he could help. Tom enrolled in the first responder program and became certified and began taking volunteer call helping out the ambulance service when needed. Tom continued his EMS education and became an EMT. Tom approached the community of Krakow and convinced them to purchase and donate two AEDs for use in the town. He has led the charge to help out at sporting events in the surrounding area and takes his EMS passion seriously. Tom is married has two children and is an avid outdoorsman.



Sharon VandenHeuvel, EMT
Oneida, Wisconsin
County Rescue Services

Sharon VandenHeuvel was instrumental in creating the Oneida area First Responders. She has volunteered as a First Responder for seventeen years, also eventually becoming an EMT and EMT IV-Tech. Sharon maintains an 80-90% response rate despite battling her own personal health related issues. She was recently awarded the Certificate of Appreciation, for Volunteer of the Year, from the Oneida Amvets. She responds to the most medical calls, attends numerous meetings and training sessions, frequently volunteers for community related events, and maintains the rescue squad. Sharon enjoys spending time with her five sons and their families, which includes twelve grandchildren.



**Brian Scheer, Paramedic
Malone, Wisconsin
Gold Cross Ambulance**

Brian is being honored for commitment to his career and to Gold Cross Ambulance. Brian can be summed up in two words—ambition and energy. His best characteristic is that when he sees something that needs doing; he does it without being asked. Everything he is tasked with gets done well. Brian is a QTM (quality training medic), paramedic liaison for the Town of Stockbridge, and a trainer for Zoll’s CIRC study, an international CPR study. Brian is professional, caring, compassionate, and does everything without expecting gratitude. All of these qualities spell an exceptional employee and well deserving for the nomination of Star of Life. Off the job, Brian enjoys spending time with his wife and three children.



**Peter Sullivan, Paramedic
Sheboygan, Wisconsin
Orange Cross Ambulance Service**

Peter Sullivan is dedicated to the industry of EMS. Peter is deeply concerned with both the physical being and the emotional well being of his patients. Peter feels that every person deserves a safe harbor somewhere, free of fear and exploitation and harassment. When there is a vulnerable patient in the back of his ambulance, whether it be man, woman, or child, Peter will assure that the patient is going to have that safe haven. Pete’s passion is in the art of music. Pete is an active musician and has been a notable recording artist for many years.



**Thomas Glau, EMT
Spooner, Wisconsin
North Memorial Ambulance Service**

Tom Glau is being recognized for the significant contributions he has made serving the Spooner area through his 33 years as an EMT. He demonstrates compassionate and sincere concern for the patients and their families he serves. His positive attitude is a personal asset evident to all he comes in contact with. Tom has a unique ability to help his peers through tough times by encouraging and teaching them through his many life experiences. Next to his wife and family, Tom’s greatest love is his HARLEY. Not letting a recent diagnosis of ALS/Lou Gehrig’s Disease get him discouraged, Tom’s desire to learn and better himself had him enroll into an “Intermediate Technician” class which is now nearing completion. This is a true testament of his “Star” commitment to the things in which he loves.



**Adam Kahler, Paramedic
Edgerton, Wisconsin
Ryan Brothers Ambulance**

Adam Kahler consistently demonstrates a superior work ethic. He is a great role model who leads by his actions. He always goes above and beyond what is asked of him and does so with self-motivation and a great work ethic. Adam was named the 2007 “EMT of the Year” at Ryan Brothers Ambulance. Adam is currently finishing his Paramedic training in Wisconsin after moving to Wisconsin from Iowa. In his free time, Adam enjoys hunting, fishing and motorcycling.



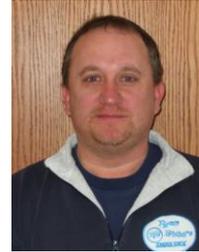
**Debbie Mosier, Paramedic
Redgranite, Wisconsin
Gold Cross Ambulance**

Debbie Mosier is being honored for the dedication and commitment she exhibits at Gold Cross Ambulance. Debbie enjoys helping people, and strives to treat every patient with compassion and respect. Her patient care is top-shelf, and she proves her loyalty to EMS every day in her work and the extra time she devotes to the Wisconsin EMS Honor Guard. She never has a bad mood, a demonstration to the fact that she loves what she does. When Debbie is not busy saving lives, she is busy with her three tax return businesses, she enjoys working out, bowling, golfing and her seven horses; her favorite horse is Jack.



**Rachael Mueller, EMT
Grafton, Wisconsin
Paratech Ambulance Service**

Rachael Mueller is being honored for her skill, dedication, and commitment to excellence at Paratech Ambulance. She is an excellent teacher, coach, and mentor. While returning from a call in 2007, Rachael and her partner were flagged down by a citizen in a car. In the car they found a female who had a pulse but was not breathing. They immediately requested ALS support and began an assessment of the patient. The patient became PNB during the assessment and the crew applied the AED. With one shock from the AED a pulse was regained. Shortly thereafter the ALS crew arrived and took over care. Rachael's quick action and assessment allowed this patient to arrive at the hospital breathing and with a pulse. She exhibited the skills and commitment that she regularly exhibits at Paratech Ambulance Service.



**Mike Roth, EMT/Manager
Madison, Wisconsin
Ryan Brothers Ambulance Service**

Mike Roth has served Ryan Bros longer than any employee except the founder. He consistently provides exceptional customer service to patients and to the other healthcare workers with whom he comes in contact. While at home and on his birthday, Mike came to the aid of one of his neighbors. He was contacted by the person's daughter who said her mother was not breathing. Mike immediately initiated CPR as 911 was called. The woman was revived and was discharged from the hospital a week later. Later, the family called Ryan Bros. multiple times to give updates on the mother's condition and to express their deep gratitude for Mike's actions. Mike has been an EMT, volunteer firefighter and assistant Fire Chief. He enjoys hunting, fishing and has a collection of over 700 die cast fire engines.



**Jim Saladino, Paramedic
Manawa, Wisconsin
Calumet Medical Center Ambulance**

Jim Saladino is being honored for his dedication to his career and to Calumet Medical Center Ambulance. When Jim is not busy taking care of supplies, he works tirelessly to ensure department schedules are filled. Jim also does a great job helping out in the Emergency Department. He makes himself available on a regular basis for his co-workers, especially in taking extra time working with the new hires in making them feel like part of the team. Jim received the 2007 Affinity Health System's Circle of Excellence Award for promoting a "values based" culture. Outside of EMS, Jim enjoys outdoor sports, martial arts, weightlifting and his favorite past time, his dogs.