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McKinney Fire Department honored for treatment of heart attack patients

MFD receives 2018 Mission: Lifeline EMS Bronze recognition

McKINNEY, Texas (May 23, 2018) – The McKinney Fire Department (MFD) is being recognized by the American Heart Association (AHA) for providing superior care and treatment for patients suffering heart attacks.

The Mission: Lifeline Initiative provides tools, training and other resources to support heart attack care. The program recognizes emergency medical services for their efforts in improving systems of care to rapidly identify suspected heart attack patients, promptly notifying a medical center and triggering an early response from the awaiting hospital personnel.

MFD treated 58 heart attack patients in 2017.



“McKinney Fire Department is dedicated to providing optimal care for heart attack patients,” said Charlie Skaggs, EMS Chief. “We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication and achievements in emergency medical care efforts through Mission: Lifeline.”

“EMTs and paramedics play a vital part in the system of care for those who have heart attacks,” said Tim Henry, M.D., Chair of the Mission: Lifeline Acute Coronary Syndrome Subcommittee. “Since they often are the first medical point of contact, they

can save precious minutes of treatment time by activating the emergency response system that alerts hospitals to an incoming heart attack patient. We applaud the McKinney Fire Department for achieving this award in following evidence-based guidelines in the treatment of people who have severe heart attacks.”

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest growing cities in America, McKinney has a current population of 180,000. The city was #1 on the list of Best Places to Live in America in 2014, published by *Money* Magazine. Established in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers award-winning schools, a vibrant historic downtown, diverse housing options, a robust economy and a uniquely beautiful natural setting, with rolling hills and lush trees. Visit the city's website at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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