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McKinney Fire Dept. receives the 2020 Mission: Lifeline Gold Recognition

Highest honor by American Heart Association for the treatment and care of heart attack patients

McKINNEY, Texas (June 22, 2020) – The McKinney Fire Department (MFD) received the 2020 Mission Lifeline Gold Recognition from the American Heart Association. The award honors MFD for providing superior care and treatment of heart attack patients.

The Mission Lifeline Initiative recognizes agencies building and improving coordinated systems of care. For example, paramedics quickly identifying suspected heart attack patients and then notifying hospitals so that preparations can be made for lifesaving treatment.

The McKinney Fire Department treated 47 heart attack patients in 2019.

“The McKinney Fire Department has been working towards this Gold level of service for several years,” said McKinney EMS Chief Charlie Skaggs. “This is truly a team effort that involves working closely with the ER staff at local hospitals to provide top-notch care that meets or exceeds national standards.”

Fact: Heart disease remains the number one cause of death in the U.S. That includes coronary heart disease, hypertension and stroke.

More information can be located at www.mckinneyfire.org or <https://www.heart.org/>



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