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Detroit EMS Cup of Valor

The Detroit EMS Cup of Valor is presented to the crew that showed extreme devotion to duty, going above and beyond. The cup was purchased by Paramedic Barney and in the spirit of Hockeytown and the Stanley Cup. The crew gets to keep the cup for 1 year until it is awarded to the next recipients. The first cup was made out of crystal and did not survive the first year. This year, the cup is made out of metal and should withstand the rigors of everyday life with the award recipients.

Detroit EMS Honors Night

The men and women of Detroit EMS came together on May 10, 2014 to honor their craft. This was the 2nd annual awards night for the rank and file members of Detroit EMS. The Bruce VFW in St. Clair Shores provided a beautiful banquet facility to our members. The DEMS Honor Guard opened up the night presenting the colors. DEMS Paramedic-Steward Jeff Gaglio provided the invocation and WXYZ News Reporter Ronnie Dahl served as emcee for the evening.

Ontario Paramedic Paul Carson presented a Detroit EMS music video that was a hit. Detroit Fire Commissioner's Edsel Jenkins and John Berlin were in attendance as well EMS Chief Larkins. POAM Executive Board Members and Business Representatives Bill Birdseye, Jim Tignanelli, John T. Barr and Ed Jacques were in attendance. DEMS presented their Cup of Valor and the William Garlington Memorial Award of Honor/Valor.



The Detroit EMS Cup of Valor

William was a 23 year veteran of the Detroit Fire Department . He was a paramedic who also worked as an instructor at the training academy for a period of time. If you knew William, he was the tall , big guy, with the green eyes and a smile that would light up the room. He spent a great deal of time away from the job with his family and at his cottage in Canada. He would frequently talk about his two greatest accomplishments in life, his daughters. We miss you brother.



Detroit EMS Paramedic William Garlington

William Garlington Memorial Award of Honor/Valor

On Christmas Day of 2009, the EMS community in Detroit lost a great friend and mentor to many. Detroit EMS Paramedic William Garlington was killed in an automobile accident coming to work from his cottage in Canada. His coworkers were overcome with sorrow for the loss of this father of two. The Detroit Fire Department had long since stopped honoring our medics with an award of valor. It was Paramedic Jerry Hunter and Steven Strong working with POAM Members Services Representative Ed Jacques who came up with the idea and design for a new award of valor. The daughters of William Garlington and EMT Cynthia Holloway were the first recipients of this award.



William Garlington Memorial Award

Paramedic Joseph Hardman

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VALOR

Detroit EMS Paramedic/Lieutenant Joseph Hardman and the Award of Honor

This year's recipient of the **William Garlington Memorial Award of Honor/Valor** is **Paramedic Joseph Hardman**. Joseph gained national headlines when he ended up in the same cath lab as his patient, having the same type of heart attack. His unit was dispatched to a cardiac arrest run. Their unit found a male in cardiac arrest and began immediate resuscitation. Joseph performed CPR with him and his partner loading the patient up for transport to continue resuscitative efforts. In route to the hospital, Paramedic Hardman began to have chest pain and all of the cardinal hallmarks of someone having a M.I. (heart attack) while becoming increasingly incapacitated. The crew delivered the patient to the hospital with vital signs. Paramedic Bayly then immediately got Joseph into the emergency department.

Both Joseph and his patient had what is termed a "widow maker" heart attack. At one point the patient and Joe were in the same cath lab and just 3 beds apart. Joseph's doctor reported that what happened to him was one in a million. Had he not been on the ambulance, he may not have survived. Both the patient and Joseph were able to walk out of the hospital. Joseph went through an extensive cardiac rehab and came back to the streets. He has since been promoted to Lieutenant in the EMS division. Thank you for never giving up and representing your craft as a true professional .

Paramedic James Ryder and EMT Matt Miller Jr.



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The Detroit Emergency Medical Service Technicians and POAM recognize Paramedic James Ryder and EMT Matt Miller Jr. as the recipients of the Detroit EMS Cup of Valor. James is a 20 year veteran of the department and Matt has been with the service for 2 years. These two combined to save a patient's life in an industrial accident. The crew was called to Southwest Detroit for an industrial accident at a machine shop. The patient was exhibiting stroke-like behavior initially and uncooperative. The patient had fallen, so the crew took the appropriate precautions for any type of spinal injury. The patient was very difficult to handle, but the crew was able to get the patient loaded and continued care. There was a small puncture in one eye. The crew called the hospital to advise that there was a CODE 1 (immediate life threatening injury) patient. The hospital ordered the patient to the triage area. The crew was the strongest advocate for this patient. The crew refused to leave the patient's side and pressed for the patient to receive immediate care, as the hospital just thought the patient was uncooperative. The crew continued to press the staff to give the patient immediate, emergent care. The crew refused to leave the patient. The hospital staff finally listened and the patient was taken to C.T. where it was found that a very small piece of metal had been shot into the patient's brain and was bleeding. The patient was stabilized and made a full recovery. The head of the hospital corporation sent a letter praising the tenacious advocacy that the medics showed for their patient. He reported that if had not been for their dedicated advocacy, this patient may have sat in triage and died.

Detroit East Medical Control Authority Life Saver of the Year 2014

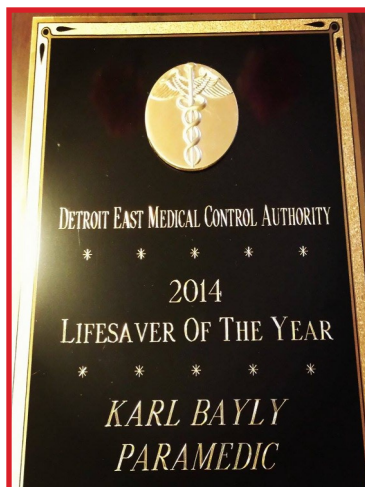
Paramedic Karl Bayly and Paramedic Joseph Hardman



Paramedic Bayly, Chief Larkins, Lieutenant Hardman



Dr. Dunne Dr. Rosenthol



We are very proud of Paramedics Bayly and Hardman who are this year,s 2014 Detroit East Medical Control Authority Life Savers Of The Year. Paramedics Joseph Hardman and Karl Bayly responded to a cardiac arrest run in 2013. This run received national attention as the attending paramedic Joseph Hardman was having a heart attack. With the hard work of both medics and C.P.R., they were able to get the patient to the hospital with a pulse. Paramedic Hardman had become so weakened from his heart attack, that Paramedic Bayly managed both patients as they arrived at the hospital. Both the patient and paramedic Hardman were having a “widow maker” heart attack and went promptly to the cath lab. Both the patient and Joseph survived to walked out of the hospital. A job well done by both medics. We thank you both for representing our service proudly and as professionals.

Paramedic Paul Carson



Ontario Paramedic Paul Carson and DEMS Paramedic Barney

Detroit EMS technicians were preparing for their annual awards night and lacked a video presentation. After several failed requests, Detroit EMS Business Representative Joseph Barney reached out to an Ontario Paramedic who has produced a number of EMS videos. We first became familiar with Paul's work through the Detroit Medic POAM facebook page. We recognized that Paul was very good at what he does and he is a great ambassador to EMS and Canada. We asked Paul if he would be interested in producing a Detroit EMS video to be shown at our awards night. This was a unique request, as our own department and the community relations division has completely forgotten about DEMS. There are few, if any, images of DEMS shown at the annual departmental awards breakfast.

Paul agreed to volunteer his expertise to create our first Detroit EMS Video presentation set to music. Paul agreed to travel to Detroit with his lovely wife to present the video in person at our awards night. The video was a smashing success, as DEMS medics conveyed their gratitude all night long.

Simcoe County Paramedic Services and the Peel Regional Paramedic Services in Ontario are both fortunate to have such a great ambassador to the EMS profession. We are fortunate at DEMS to have you as a friend, Paul. Thank you for taking the time to travel to Detroit on our special night to deliver a great video. Check out the video: <http://vimeo.com/93487050>

Detroit EMS Academy #60



Seated: Commissioner Berlin, Commissioner Dougherty, Chief Larkins, Commissioner Zack and Lieutenant Sutton

On Thursday, June 12, 2014 the City of Detroit graduated Detroit EMS Academy number 60. The class started out with 31 candidates 10 weeks ago. After rigorous testing, physical fitness, and class instruction, 22 candidates graduated from the academy. The men and women are slated to hit the streets this week as third riders until they are certified to work one on one with another technician. We welcome the men and women who have taken a step forward to deliver EMS service to Detroit. The challenges will be many, and the obstacles will be great. The department does not run like a finely tuned instrument. You will learn on the fly, and you will be working with some of the most dedicated men and women in the EMS industry. You will find that sometimes the only person you can count on, is that individual sitting next to you in the cab. Thank you for your dedication and welcome to DEMS.

New Helmets and New Coats



After many years of wearing the orange EMS meat-cutter helmet, DEMS purchases and issues the Bullard Model USRX. This is the first NFPA compliant helmet issued to DEMS in their 40 year history. The goggles are ESS Fire-Pro 1971 units. The helmets were delivered to the streets in April 2014.

For many years Detroit EMS did not have a rescue coat or an all-weather coat. The coat DEMS utilized was considered a parade coat. After a 2 year wait for the 5-11 coats, the department was finally able to deliver. These are by far the best coats that DEMS has ever had. 5-11 is an all-weather/rain coat with a fluid barrier. The coats have an inner liner that can be removed and worn separately. With new trucks and new gear, DEMS is poised to move forward in the year 2014.





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