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This past March I was invited to attend the American Red Cross “Everyday Heroes” awards where I had the privilege of presenting the “First Responder Heroes” recognition to four Murray police officers and two Murray Firefighters. The American Red Cross organization hosts this event each year to recognize members of the community who have demonstrated heroism through exceptional acts of courage in one of ten award categories. The “significant event” for which these Murray First Responders were being recognized involved a young, suicidal man who had climbed over the fence and onto the overpass of I-215 at State Street and was threatening to jump to the freeway below. To make a long story very short, the young man was not at all cooperative and was armed with a knife. He was wrestled into the fire department’s bucket truck and lowered safely to the ground. The only injury sustained was a fairly significant laceration on the arm of one of the police officers, which required some stitches. This situation could have had a very different outcome if not for the training, patience, and skills of the first responders, even in the midst of bystanders yelling at them to do something quicker. As I have reflected on this incident and others, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to have exceptional fire, police, and emergency medical response personnel in Murray.

May 20-26, 2018 has been designated as National Emergency Medical Service Week. National EMS week honors the lifesaving care that EMS providers offer 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Our police officers are often the first arriving on the scene of a medical emergency and are trained in basic first aid and CPR skills, and carry Naloxone (which reverses an opioid overdose). Our firefighter/paramedics provide the highest level of EMS service available, including 12-lead data field interpretations for heart attack patients, the latest resuscitation techniques for victims in full cardiac arrest, and management of difficult airways. Our citizens who need emergency medical care will experience an unsurpassed level of rapid response, care, and emergency transportation.



Murray Fire Department EMT's and paramedics logged over 1586 training hours last year. Paramedics completed additional training with newly added Ketamine and Ativan medications to their available arsenal. These additional medications have improved safety during transport, increased treatment options, and provide a well-rounded care option for many patients.

On Saturday, May 26, the Murray Fire Department will host an open house at Ambulance Station 84, located at 163 E. 5900 South, between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. The public is invited to stop by and meet the firefighters, enjoy a free hamburger or hot dog lunch, and see the equipment. I hope to see you there!