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City of Manassas Fire & Rescue Receives National Recognition

City of Manassas, VA . . . The City of Manassas Fire & Rescue Department has received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline® EMS Silver Achievement Award for implementing quality improvement measures to treat patients who suffer severe heart attacks.

"The City of Manassas Fire & Rescue staff work hard to provide patient life-saving practices that give our area residents and visitors the best chance at recovery and ensure patient safety," said City Manager W. Patrick Pate. "I am proud of the care and commitment that all of our Fire & Rescue staff show every day in keeping our residents safe."

Each year, more than 250,000 people experience an ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), the deadliest type of heart attack, caused by a blockage of blood flow to the heart that requires timely treatment. To prevent death, it is critical to restore blood flow as quickly as possible, either by mechanically opening the blocked vessel or by providing clot-busting medication.

"The City of Manassas Fire & Rescue System is honored to receive this award," said Fire & Rescue Chief William Garrett. "Our Firefighters and Paramedics provides optimal care for not only heart attack patients, but for all entrusted into our care. I know that the men and women of the City of Manassas Fire & Rescue System work every day for our region."

The American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline program helps reduce barriers to prompt treatment for heart attacks – starting from when 9-1-1 is called, to EMS transport and continuing through hospital treatment and discharge. Optimal care for heart attack patients takes coordination between the individual hospital, EMS and healthcare system.

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