

Devon Sadler

Des Moines and Indianola Fire Departments



Devon works full-time for Des Moines Fire Department and is a part-time volunteer paramedic in Indianola and West Des Moines EMS. He is a very progressive and respected paramedic specialist and is recognized as an outstanding preceptor and “professor” of this profession.

Nominated by: Ted Durfey

Calvin Swank

Firefighter/Paramedic, Newton Fire Department



Calvin Swank has been involved in the EMS field for approximately 25 years. He is an adjunct instructor at Mercy College and takes his work with great pride. Calvin is a great role model for new paramedics.

Nominated by: Don Minks and the night-time paramedic class

Heather Deaton

Carlisle Fire Department



Heather is well respected as a Rescue LT. She's also an EMS instructor, teaching classes and continuing education for the Carlisle and Hartford Fire Departments. Heather also serves as the administrative assistant for Carlisle Fire and Rescue. With so many roles, it's easy to see why people look up to Heather.

Nominated by: Carlisle Fire/Rescue

Craig Thompson

Senior Medic, Des Moines Fire Department

Chief, Runnells Fire Department



Craig has been a volunteer with the Runnells Fire Department since 1988, where he functioned as a firefighter, EMTB and paramedic. He went on to become Assistant Chief in 2002 and Chief in January 2005. Craig has worked hard to get and keep the department up to speed on training and equipment and continues to be greatly involved in the department and the community.

Nominated by: Sarah Widmer

Greg Higginbotham

Knoxville Fire Department/Mercy Ambulance Service



Greg is the Deputy Chief for the Knoxville Fire Department as an EMT firefighter. He works full-time for Mercy Ambulance while going to paramedic school full-time as well. Greg sacrifices his free time to learn how to serve his community better, which shows his dedication to his profession.

Nominated by: Don Minks

Julie Johnson

Mercy Centerville



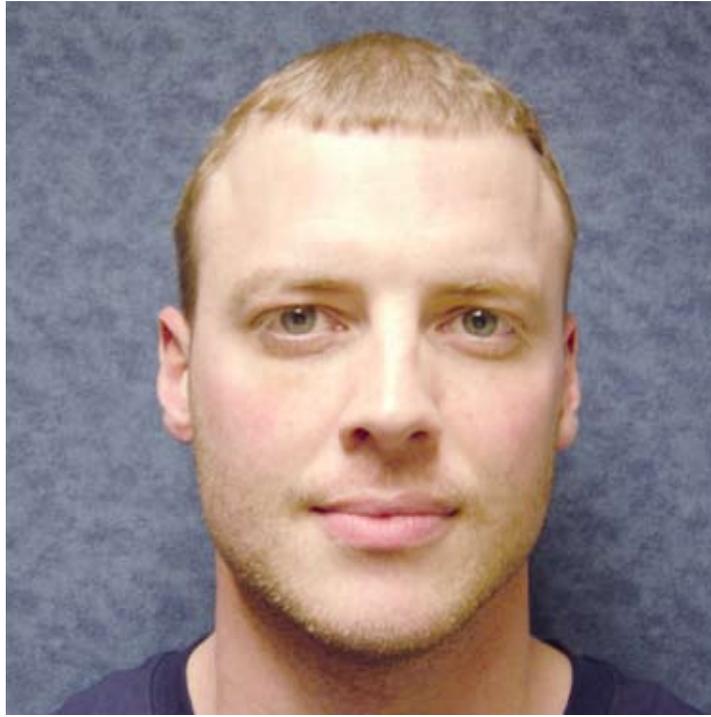
Recently while EMT-Intermediate Julie Johnson was on a flight to Florida, an elderly gentleman next to her went into cardiac arrest. Julie led a team of three other people on the flight to provide medical care to this man with the use of the on-board AED, BVM, o2 and first aid kit. Thanks to Julie's quick thinking, by the time they made an emergency landing in Tampa, the patient had a pulse and was taking breaths.

Nominated by: Dan Turner

Paramedic Specialist, Mercy Medical Center, Centerville

Chad Agans

Altoona Fire Department



Chad has been serving the Altoona Fire Department since 2004. He began his career with Altoona as a volunteer and is currently working part-time as a firefighter/EMT. Chad is always on time, will always take the extra shift and his patient care is second to none. Chad handles all situations professionally and with his patients' best interests as his top priority. The City of Altoona and surrounding areas are lucky to have a person like Chad giving his time to serve.

*Nominated by: Ryan Young
Altoona Fire Department*

Jory Hunderdosse

Indianola Fire Department



Jory has been a great inspiration to many people in the EMS community, as well as a mentor to more people than he would ever take credit for. Jory has recently retired, but before his retirement he served in many different facets of the EMS field. Jory started as a volunteer and became a flight paramedic for Mercy and a full-time paramedic with Indianola. He has provided compassionate care to many patients as if they were his own family members. His dedicated service is an honor to us all.

Nominated by: Indianola Fire

Michelle H., Mercy One

Matt Klein

Windsor Heights Fire Department



Matt has gone above and beyond for the Windsor Heights Fire Department (WHFD) and the Polk County EMS directors group. He has spent countless hours revising and reformatting the EMS protocols and procedures for the city; implemented an EMS clearance protocol; and executed many other proactive items with the fire department. Matt is also an R.N. in the CCU at Mercy Hospital. He's a true asset to the WHFD, as well as the EMS community.

*Nominated by: Tim Kurth
Windsor Heights Fire Department*

Jill Baldus

Boone County Ambulance



Jill works very hard at being a dedicated medic. She works without rest and does her best to educate the community and other professionals in the EMS field. Jill is a great example to learn from and be inspired by.

Nominated by: Mike Smith

Joyce Carrol

Wayne County Ambulance



For more than 20 years, Joyce has worked hard in the EMS field. Along with her duties as a paramedic, she also helps train first responders throughout the county. She is dedicated to her community, helping teach CPR at high schools and she's always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. Joyce is an asset to the EMS community.

Nominated by: Mike Smith