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KARNES COUNTY EMS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FOR COMMITMENT TO QUALITY CARE

KARNES COUNTY--- Karnes County is pleased to announce that the Karnes County EMS received the American Heart Association's **Mission: Lifeline® EMS** Silver achievement award for its commitment to offering rapid, research-based care to people experiencing the most severe form of heart attack and stroke.

Mission: Lifeline EMS® is the American Heart Association's national initiative to advance the system of care for patients with high-risk, time-sensitive disease states, such as severe heart attacks and strokes. The program helps reduce barriers to prompt treatment starting from when 911 is called, to EMS transport and continuing through hospital treatment and discharge.

The Mission: Lifeline EMS achievement award focuses on agencies' on-scene care, bringing to the forefront the collaboration and contributions to patient care for prehospital providers.

"Karnes County EMS is honored to be recognized by the American Heart Association for our dedication to providing optimal care for heart attack patients in our rural area of south Texas," said EMS Chief Casey Ebrom. "The Mission: Lifeline program puts proven knowledge and guidelines to work on a daily basis so patients may have the best possible chance of survival."

EMS staff can begin treatment when they arrive up to an hour sooner than if someone goes to the hospital by vehicle. EMS staff are also trained to provide resuscitation efforts to someone whose heart has stopped. People who arrive by ambulance may also receive faster treatment at the hospital.

"I am proud of our EMS team for their hard work and efforts," Karnes County Judge Wade Hedtke, exclaimed! "I commend the team for being nationally recognized for their commitment to offer rapid and quality care to heart attack and stroke victims."

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