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## **Warren Firefighters To Receive Special Honors For Heroic Actions, American Heart Association Award Today At Noon In City Hall Atrium**

**Warren, MI** – Warren Mayor Jim Fouts will sponsor a special ceremony honoring city firefighters for their lifesaving actions today at noon in the city hall atrium.

The city's EMS service has been awarded the gold award (highest) by the American Heart Association for the third consecutive year. Warren Mayor Jim Fouts said Warren is the only city in Michigan to earn this award.

The award states: "The American Heart Association /American Stroke Association recognizes this EMS provider organization for demonstrating continued success in using the Mission Lifeline EMS program. Thank you for applying the most up-to-date evidence-based treatment guideline to improve patient care and outcomes in the community you serve."

The Warren Fire Department has brought in almost \$19 million since January 2010 in EMS revenues and provides 24/7 EMS service with backup at all six fire stations.

Fouts praised Fire Commissioner Skip McAdams "for providing the leadership that led to this award."

The EMS paramedics, using the “jaws of life,” saved the life of a 55-year-old Hazel Park man on May 1 when he was trapped in his vehicle following a semi-truck rollover on I-696.

Warren firefighters also rescued a 37-year-old construction worker who was partially buried following a sewer construction collapse on Van Dyke on June 4. “He has a broken rib that damaged his liver and other internal organs causing blood loss of approximately 2 liters into his abdominal cavity. He also had surgery to repair his broken pelvis bones and damage to his liver. Hospital authorities have now determined that he is out of risk for losing limbs including lower legs, feet and toes. He is rapidly improving after all of these surgeries,” said Fouts, who said firefighters had to dig through hard clay to extricate the man.

Fouts said The American Heart Association Award and the two heroic rescues “prove beyond any doubt that the city of Warren fire department is the best in Michigan.”