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In 2014 a Silver Award; **In 2015 a Gold Award** **For Prompt EMS Services**

Warren, MI – In 2014, the Warren Fire Department’s EMS services earned a “Silver Award” from the American Heart Association for recognition, treatment and prompt treatment of heart attack patients. This year the Fire Department earned a “Gold Award” for the same outstanding services for 24 consecutive months.

“Our city has the best EMS service. We provide 24-7 prompt top-notch service, and the credit goes to Fire Commissioner Wilburt McAdams and our dedicated firefighters,” said Warren Mayor Jim Fouts.

The department is the only municipal-based EMS agency to receive the award this year. The other recipient of the “Gold Award” was a private ambulance company in the upper region of the state.

Of the 2000 people identified as having chest pain of some type, 19 were identified as actively experiencing a STEMI (ST Elevated Myocardial Infarction) heart attack in progress.

Of the 19 patients who were identified as experiencing STEMI heart attacks and transported to the hospital, all 19 or 100% had their 12 lead ECG performed by Warren paramedics, transmitted to ER doctors for confirmation of STEMI heart attack. Additional interventions performed by paramedics include establishment of IV and administration of pre-hospital medications after approval of ER physicians and rapid transport to the hospital-based cauterization lab when the patients were opened using angioplasty.

As a result of the coordinated identification and care by EMS personnel and St. John's Hospital Macomb's staff all 19 patients were successfully discharged from the hospital after short stays with an improved quality of life.

During 2014, city EMS services received 16,546 calls for emergency services with the average response time 5 minutes, 31 seconds.

Revenues for city EMS services have exceeded \$12.5 million dollars since 2011 when the city took over EMS from private companies.

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