



To: Scott Niehaus, Village Manager

From: Frank Gallione, Lieutenant/EMS Officer

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Subject: American Heart Association Recognition

The Lombard Fire Department has received recognition from the American Heart Association for the Mission Lifeline: EMS-Bronze Award for 2015. The American Heart Association is recognizing Fire Departments/EMS providers for achieving a high level of care in the area of cardiac patients, specifically in the care of STEMI patients. STEMI is an acronym for a patient that is having a Myocardial Infarction or “heart attack” and has an elevation in the ST segment of their EKG rhythm that is detected by the Paramedics during treatment. This sometimes subtle change in the EKG rhythm alerts the Paramedics to a potentially life threatening situation and initiates specialized cardiac care. When this condition is recognized by the Paramedics, they start a protocol that is called a “Cardiac Alert”. The Cardiac Alert Protocol informs the hospital that the patient is going to need specialized cardiac care and for their teams to be ready to receive the patient. This protocol is in place to get the patient into definitive treatment in a rapid process. This rapid process is designed to minimize the damage to a patient’s heart by providing the necessary care.

The Mission Lifeline Bronze Award recognizes the Lombard Fire Department Paramedics for their excellence in this area of cardiac care. The award criteria are based upon the number of patients the Lombard Fire Department has treated and transported with the STEMI condition over the past year. This recognition demonstrates the high level of patient care delivered by the Lombard Fire Department Paramedics and their abilities to recognize the signs of this critical cardiac condition. The Lombard Fire Department is honored to accept this award from the American Heart Association and strives to provide the highest level of emergency medical care for the citizens of the Village of Lombard and its visitors.

With your approval, we are requesting that this brief presentation will take place at the beginning of the next Village Board Meeting on June 18th prior to the Swearing In Ceremony.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

FG/ptc