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## **Advanced Medical Transport receives national award for training initiative with local fire departments, police departments, and community members**

**Nashville, TN** - The American Ambulance Association (AAA) presented Advanced Medical Transport (AMT) with the 2019 AMBY Award, a prestigious national honor that recognizes the best practices in the ambulance industry. AMT staff were presented the award during a ceremony at the American Ambulance Association's National Conference in Nashville, TN, this month.

The AMBYs highlight excellence in EMS and the ingenuity and entrepreneurial spirit that epitomizes AAA members. The mission of the awards is to showcase creativity and innovation in the ambulance industry by fostering a culture of collaboration, cooperation and a passion for excellence in patient care.

AMT was presented the award in Community Impact Projects for the Resuscitation Academy, a system of co-training alongside Fire and Police Departments. Resuscitation Academy is part of AMT's Race to the Top program - an initiative developed in conjunction with physician experts, medical centers and biomedical manufacturers. Race to the Top is a roadmap to markedly improve emergency care and patient outcomes by bringing together an entire community as a team of qualified lifesavers in the event of life-threatening sudden cardiac arrest event.

This is the third major national award AMT has received for the program. In 2018, Peoria had one of the highest Cardiac Resuscitation Rates of any area in the nation. AMT credits that success with partnerships built with local fire and police departments, as well as community members.

"It's an honor to be recognized by the American Ambulance Association with such a prestigious award," said Andrew Rand, CEO, Advanced Medical Transport. "This recognition further validates Race to the Top and its importance to the community in advancing life saving efforts in the event of sudden cardiac arrest."

## **About the American Ambulance Association**

The American Ambulance Association represents organizations serving over 75% of the U.S. population with emergency and non-emergency care and medical transportation services. Founded in 1979, AAA promotes health care policies that ensure excellence in the ambulance services industry and provides research, education, and communications programs to enable its members to effectively address the needs of the communities they serve. For more information about the AAA visit their website at [www.the-aaa.org](http://www.the-aaa.org).

## **About Advanced Medical Transport (AMT)**

Advanced Medical Transport (AMT) is a premier nationally acclaimed regional healthcare provider of emergency and scheduled ambulance services in Central and Western Illinois, as well as parts of Iowa. As a private, not-for-profit organization operated for community benefit and governed by a Board of Directors, AMT strives to deliver consistently outstanding healthcare transportation services and value to the communities it serves. Through their shared values, the entire AMT team promotes being Prepared, Community-centered, Clinically effective, Compassionate, Customer-focused and People of Integrity.

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