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33rd Annual EMS Program Recognizes Life-Saving Personnel

WADENA, Minn. – March 13, 2020 – Personnel from local fire, rescue, police and sheriff’s departments attended Tri-County Health Care’s 33rd annual Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Night. The event was held on Tuesday, March 10, at M State in Wadena.

This annual event includes education, networking and recognition of outstanding efforts from area emergency medical responders, law enforcement and emergency dispatch centers. Mark Johnston, Manager for the Burn Center Program at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, MN, gave a presentation about current trends in burn management. John Pate, M.D., who has been with Tri-County Health Care since 1992, spoke about stroke management. Marc Conterato, M.D., and Medical Director at North Medical Ambulance Service, closed the program by discussing guidelines for the administration of hypothermia both in the field for resuscitated cardiac arrest patients as well as its therapeutic advantages.

“Our first responders, law enforcement and emergency dispatch continue to offer great service to our area residents,” said Cole Lugert, EMS manager at Tri-County Health Care. “This event provided a valuable educational opportunity on several important topics for all personnel in attendance.”

Several awards were presented to area personnel. The Star of Life award is given to emergency personnel for making a noteworthy contribution to efforts that resulted in saving a life. Recipients include:

- New York Mills Fire & Rescue
- New York Mills Police Department
- Verndale Fire & Rescue
- Wadena County Sheriff’s Office
- Wadena Police Department
- Cole Lugert
- Chad Olson
- David Cuppy
- Jeremy Wolfenbarger
- Kurt Manselle
- Sharon Heinen
- Sydney Wallace

EMS Night is sponsored by Tri-County Health Care EMS and Central Minnesota EMS Region.

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ABOUT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE

Tri-County Health Care is a private, not-for-profit health care system based in Wadena, Minnesota. It offers care services such as primary health, surgery, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, obstetrics, orthopedics and rehabilitation. Tri-County Health Care operates a hospital and medical clinic in Wadena, and serves the counties of Wadena, Todd and Otter Tail through five satellite clinics and two physical therapy clinics in Bertha, Henning, Ottertail, Sebeka and Verndale. Visit TCHC.org.

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