

2018 Crew of the Year Award

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Name(s) of Crew Members to Recognize

Anthony DiMarco and Dr Mark Gamber

Name of Agency/Department

Plano Fire / Plano Fire Medical Director

Address of Agency/Department

Description of Event / Program deserving award

I would like to nominate Plano FF Anthony DiMarco and Plano Fire-Rescue's Medical Director Mark Gamber for the EMS for Children Crew of the Year. Anthony, in close direction from and with Doctor Gamber's full support worked tirelessly to create a Length Based Resuscitation Tape (LBRT) which exactly reflected the treatment protocols which Plano Fire-Rescue operate under. This easy to use system, which was edited numerous times and went through different configurations, was finally released in the Spring of 2017. The LBRT has been widely accepted and adopted with enthusiasm by PFR personnel, to help crews operate at peak efficiency during a low frequency, high consequence event such as a pediatric resuscitation. It has improved our operations and crew performance by mandating a lead medic (the quarterback) who "calls the shots" during the code, and relies on procedural medics for fluid administration, drug administrations, equipment placement and event scribe. This "Pit Crew" organization has increased our CPR survival rate system-wide. Anthony also worked to streamline the storage of medications and emergency supplies in our medication bags department-wide, educated all personnel as to the rationale behind this move and trained them to integrate the new system into their on-scene performance to improve speed and efficiency. For their hard work, selfless dedication to pursuit of improving pediatric survival in resuscitation, I respectfully submit FF Anthony DiMarco and Medical Director Mark Gamber. Thank you. Matt Nelson Deputy Chief-EMS Plano Fire-Rescue

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