

Media Advisory

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Cardiac Arrest Survivor to Assist with Presentation of EMS Recognition Award to Plano Fire-Rescue

In July of 2018, Michael Condit collapsed in the parking lot of a Plano Post Office. Bystanders called 911 and Plano Fire-Rescue crews responded within minutes and found Mr. Condit in sudden cardiac arrest. He was treated at the scene and transported to Medical City Plano where he received care for the next two weeks.

At Monday night's Plano City Council Meeting, Mr. Condit will help present Plano Fire-Rescue with the American Heart Association's *Mission: Lifeline® EMS Recognition* award, one recognizing Emergency Medical Service organizations across the nation that show commitment and success in implementing specific quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who suffer a severe cardiac emergency known as a STEMI (ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction). Plano Fire-Rescue has received the *Mission: Lifeline® EMS Recognition* award each year since its inception in 2014.

"Mr. Condit's experience highlights Plano Fire-Rescue's stellar EMS system and confirms the validity of the American Heart Association's award," said Fire Chief Sam Grief. "Receiving the highest possible designation, the Gold Plus level of the *Mission: Lifeline® EMS Recognition* award, and having Mr. Condit at the meeting to help with the presentation will be a proud moment for Plano Fire-Rescue."

The August 12 City Council meeting will begin at 7:00 pm at Plano City Hall.

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About Plano Fire-Rescue

Plano Fire-Rescue is a progressive and recognized fire department providing both emergency services (fire suppression, emergency medical services, rescue, hazardous materials response, and wildland fire fighting) and non-emergency services (fire and life safety education, building fire protection systems engineering and review, fire code enforcement and community event support) from 13 strategically placed fire stations with a roster of 388 sworn personnel and 11 civilian employees. Plano Fire-Rescue holds a Class 1 ISO Rating, and accreditation from both the Center for Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) and the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS). With the goal of providing the best service to the citizens and visitors of Plano, the department mission/purpose statement includes the core values each employee strives to reflect, *Plano Fire-Rescue, Professional service with heart – integrity always*. Please visit planofire.org.