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EMS TO HONOR PATIENT SURVIVORS AND THEIR RESCUERS

(Sedgwick County, Kan.) – Sedgwick County EMS will host an event celebrating survivors of sudden cardiac arrest on Wednesday, May 24. This event will bring together 12 former patients who suffered sudden cardiac arrest and were successfully resuscitated by local first responders. Survivors and their families will be reunited with the EMS paramedics, firefighters, and dispatchers who had a role in their survival. Cardiologist Dr. Wassim Shaheen will be the keynote speaker sharing his thoughts on the difference our EMS system makes in recognizing heart attacks and transporting patients to facilities with intervention capabilities. A reception will follow.

Additionally, the American Heart Association will honor Sedgwick County EMS at this event with Mission Lifeline Gold status. The prestigious Mission Lifeline award is a quality achievement recognition for implementing specific quality improvement measures outlined by the American Heart Association for the treatment of patients who suffer severe heart attacks.

**Event Location: Sedgwick County Extension Center
7001 West 21st, Wichita, KS**

**Event Time: Wednesday May 24th
3-5 P.M.**

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For more information or to schedule interviews prior to the event, please contact Lt. Greg Gering at 316.640.8918.