

Englewood Firefighters honored

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Three Englewood firefighters were awarded the Norma Dittrick Extra Measure of Service Award by the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council on May 25.

Lieutenant/Paramedic Herman Mayes, Firefighter/Paramedic Nick Bergman, and Firefighter/EMT Brian Hissong will be recognized by Englewood City Council at its meeting on the evening of July 12.

The annual Extra Measure of Service Award honors EMS personnel who demonstrate integrity and competence in the performance of their profession, display a commitment to EMS, and work to improve the quality of pre-hospital patient care within their communities.

The Englewood firefighters, assigned to Medic 98, were returning to Englewood after delivering a cardiac patient to Kettering Medical Center. While traveling on Springboro Pike in Moraine, they pulled up on a serious head-on crash that had just occurred seconds before. They immediately requested a response from the Moraine Fire Department and began triaging the victims. They found one victim deceased and a second victim critically injured. This second victim was immediately immobilized and removed by Medic 98 to the Trauma Center at Miami Valley Hospital.

The Moraine Fire Department nominated these firefighters for the award. They commended the crew for recognizing the urgency of the situation and taking the appropriate actions. Their quick actions resulted in the patient arriving at the Trauma Center in just 17 minutes.

“It is very nice for the Moraine Fire Department and the EMS Council to recognize these firefighters” said Ron Fletcher, Englewood’s Assistant Fire Chief. “Our EMS providers train very hard for just such situations, and this crew performed as we would expect them to. The curve ball is this was not a call in their jurisdiction. Instead of delaying care waiting for Moraine crews, they took immediate action. Those who need immediate medical attention, and their families, don’t care who provides that care, as long as it’s quick and appropriate. Arrival at the hospital in 17 minutes is outstanding.”

All three firefighters also serve other communities. Lt. Mayes is also part-time firefighter/paramedic in the City of Riverside, FF Bergman is a career firefighter/paramedic in Washington Township, and FF Hissong is a part-time firefighter/EMT in Clearcreek Township and is currently a paramedic student.