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## **Advanced Medical Transport’s cardiac arrest “report card” better than the state and the nation**

### **Peoria, Illinois -**

Since Advanced Medical Transport doubled down on its battle against Cardiac Arrest, the #1 killer of adults in America, results locally have constantly trumped statistics reported elsewhere in Illinois and the United States.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest kills about 360,000 Americans annually, more than all forms of cancer combined. Since 2014, AMT’s “Race to the Top” initiative has consistently captured national recognition as the best clinical outcome strategy of its type, winning three major national awards.

In 2019, the number of SCA victims who were discharged from the hospital neurologically intact was higher in Central Illinois than statewide or nationwide. This data is compiled and analyzed nationally by the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES), a CDC-approved registry provided by Emory University.

“Our goal is for our patients to be able to resume their normal lives and activities,” said AMT CEO Andrew Rand. “This is achieved through a

comprehensive network of care that begins with a bystander providing CPR and an AED and follows that person all the way through to their recovery.”

A 2018 grant of \$40,000 and partnership with the Peoria Fire Department to implement new biomedical devices from ZOLL was so successful that AMT has donated the devices and training to every community it serves. Ongoing training to first responders is provided free of cost by AMT’s Resuscitation Academy program. These programs are parts of the “Race to the Top” initiative launched in 2014.

## **About Race to the Top**

Advanced Medical Transport (AMT) developed the Race to the Top Program to provide the communities they serve with some of the top cardiac resuscitation rates in the nation. “By concentrating on eight highly-interdependent elements of a world-class emergency cardiac care and response system, we soldier more forces together and win more battles in the war on sudden cardiac arrest,” said AMT’s Josh Bradshaw.

Even before implementing Race to the Top, AMT’s cardiac arrest resuscitation rates were three times the national average. However, the leadership team felt that they could push the rates higher through a multifaceted outreach program. The project began in in late 2014, with eight specific, measurable, and actionable objectives:

- Immediate recognition of sudden cardiac arrest;
- 911 activation, “First-Care” hands-only CPR, GPS to the rescue (PulsePoint);
- Access to and utilization of AEDs;
- Pit crew resuscitation by EMS providers;
- Deployment of Advanced Practice Paramedics;
- Advanced biomedical tools;
- Immediate provider feedback; and

- Community and caregiver recognition.

### **About Advanced Medical Transport of Central Illinois**

Advanced Medical Transport (AMT) is the premier provider of emergency and scheduled ambulance services in Central and Western Illinois, and Iowa. AMT is a private, not-for-profit organization governed by a community-based board of directors. Our comprehensive team of healthcare professionals combine outstanding healthcare transportation with pre-hospital medical care that answers 64,000 calls each year in communities we serve.