



SHREVEPORT FIRE

D E P A R T M E N T

263 North Common Street, Shreveport, LA 71101

Phone: 318-673-6650 • FAX: 318-673-6656

www.shreveportfire.org

Clarence J. Reese, Jr., Fire Chief

Date: 10/09/2024

For Immediate Release

Contact: Daniel McDonnell, Administrative Assistant to the Fire Chief

Cell: 318-455-2411

Office: 318-673-6652

Email: daniel.mcdonnell@shreveportla.gov

Shreveport Fire Department Receives National Recognition for EMS Services

The Shreveport Fire Department has received the Mission- Lifeline Silver status award for heart attacks for the year 2024. This award is issued by the American Heart Association and recognizes EMS agencies across the nation for outstanding services and meeting, or exceeding, national standards.

To be eligible for this award EMS agencies must meet specific criteria based off of heart attack recognition and rapid treatment and transport. This includes EMS patient contact time to definitive treatment in a hospital to receive PCI, or percutaneous coronary intervention, to remove blockages from coronary arteries. This time is often referred to as “EMS to Balloon” time and must not exceed 90 minutes to ensure survivability and reduce patient mortality.

With this Silver-Status award, recognizing Shreveport Fire Department’s EMS having met this goal greater than 75% of time, SFD is eligible to be considered for Gold-Status for the following year. Fire Chief Clarence Reese, Jr. stated, “Responding to more than 48,200 emergency calls for service a year, this national recognition proves what our citizens are already aware of. When they are in the city of Shreveport and they dial 911, they will receive the compassion and high-level of service they can expect from their fire department. I am proud to lead the men and women of Shreveport Fire Department who demonstrate a commitment to excellence every time they answer the call.”

###