



## News Release

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### **Hall Paramedic and Flight Medic Honored for Lifesaving Actions by Kiwanis Club of Bakersfield**

Cliff Kroll and Chris Beucher were named Paramedics of the year by the Kiwanis Club of Bakersfield during the Kiwanis' annual Public Safety Awards September 8th.

Kroll, a 12 year veteran of Hall Ambulance, and his EMT partner Ed Ehrenpfort arrived to find the patient complaining of severe chest pain and shortness of breath. While being loaded into the ambulance the patient's heart started to fibrillate. Kroll utilized his advanced life support skills and was able to restore a normal heart rhythm. Due to the critical nature of the patient's condition and the distance to the ER, Kroll and Ehrenpfort handed off care to the Hall Air Flight Team. With Pilot John Roberg at the controls they started transport to San Joaquin Community Hospital. Twice during transport the patient's heart started to fibrillate again. Flight Medic Chris Beucher, an 11 year veteran of Hall Ambulance, and RN Jeanette Green worked feverishly during transport to successfully restore the patient's heart to normal activity. The patient was discharged a few days later. In addition, the patient was reunited with the Hall Ambulance ground and air ambulance crews who he credits with saving his life.

During the ceremony, Harvey L. Hall, founder and president of Hall Ambulance Service, Inc. was on hand to present the plaques to Kroll and Beucher for their efforts in saving a patient's life on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The two paramedics were humbled by their recognition and wanted to make sure that everyone involved got credit.

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In addition to Hall Ambulance, Kiwanis recognized employees of the Bakersfield Police Department, Bakersfield Fire Department, Kern County Fire Department, Kern County Sheriff's Office, Kern County Coroner's Office, Kern County Probation Department, and the California Highway Patrol.