

## Springfield Fire STEMI Awards.

The Springfield Township Fire Department has been awarded the STEMI team of the month (for December 2016) by Summa Health System. The STEMI award is given to Fire Departments who provide outstanding and time-sensitive interventions to patients who are having a heart attack. STEMI refers to a heart attack that can be determined using a 12-lead EKG which is routinely done on patients who complain of chest pain and/or pressure. Once the crew recognizes a STEMI heart attack, the crew will give medications, transmit the EKG to the hospital, and activate the Cath lab, so that when the patient arrives at the hospital, they can bypass the emergency room and go straight to the Cath lab for immediate intervention.

The Springfield Township Fire Department has received this award numerous times over the past 3 years. Many patients who would have died or had life-long limitations due to a heart attack, are being released from the hospital to live full, productive lives. The department paramedics and EMT's appreciate the recognition from Summa, but the biggest reward is when a patient stops by the department and thanks us for the care they received. Knowing that we made a difference is the best outcome we could ever ask for.

