

*Message From* **The Chief of Department**



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**T**he fate of the wounded rests in the hands of the ones who apply the first dressing. Attributed to Nicholas Senn, a 19th century surgeon, this statement aptly describes the value of EMS to this City and its citizens and visitors. Additionally, this quote is a favorite of Paramedic William Gettens, who is an EMS Medal Day recipient and is being honored today.

Historically, Medal Day--for both Fire and EMS--is the best day on our calendar. It is the one day of the year that you are given official recognition for your actions. We know what you do each day; now the public knows, too.

My sincere thanks for your daily contributions to this Department. And, congratulations to all Medal Day recipients today. You are the men and women our members should emulate.

*Peter Hayden*

