

## 12 firefighters win 'Star of Life'

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Twelve members of the Memphis Fire Department have been recognized for saving the life of a 4-year-old boy caught in a house fire.

On Dec. 9, 2008, a fire broke out at 2785 Beechmont in Frayser. Kim Bateman managed to get two of her three children out of the house, but firefighters found Leonard "JoJo" Tubbs unconscious in a back room.

Fire crews got him out and started resuscitation. He was taken to Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, where he was hospitalized for two weeks.

The fire crews that responded to the blaze had adopted the family a few weeks before for the Christmas holidays. Two of them were out shopping for presents when they got the call about the blaze.

Honored at the first EMS Star of Life awards ceremony this week in Nashville were Eric Sacharczyk, Ryan Jones, Richard Patterson, Daniel Harris, Greg Waymon, Clay Short, William Stacks, Brandon Allen, Patrick McDevitt, Steve Strickland, Brian Simmons and Michael Stallings.

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