

## Morris A. Miller Health Hero Award Nomination

Mark Weiberg was nominated by Christopher Matek – Operations Supervisor at Northfield Hospital EMS.

Mark Weiberg has been a paramedic for over 20 years. He is a board certified flight medic and a critical care paramedic. His career has led him through a wide range of experiences and his current role in the QA/CQI Department at Allina EMS helps keep everyone on the right track.

Mark began his tenure with Northfield EMS last summer and his contributions to this department have been numerous and invaluable. He is truly an asset.

Mark Weiberg went well above and beyond his job requirements on the night of February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016. After working a busy 12 hour shift, including getting a late assignment, Mark was on his way home. While driving North on Interstate 35, events tragically unfolded. An accident occurred almost in front of Mark.

Elko New Market Fire closed the freeway to safely manage the motor vehicle roll-over crash. Mark did not sit quietly in his vehicle and wait for it to be over. Instead, he took it upon himself to get out and render aid to the fire department and the victims of the crash.

Mark immediately put his skills to work to resuscitate a pediatric cardiac arrest victim using the fire department's equipment and gave the patient the best chance of survival. He remained on scene until all of the crash victims had been attended to by Northfield EMS, Allina EMS, North AirCare and the other first responders.

Mark gave up his personal time and family time and took on significant risk wading into the winter storm and the upheaval on the interstate. As he has demonstrated time and again, he performed as an exemplary professional.

Mark's actions provided the patient with the best opportunity for survival. His selfless acceptance of the risks of working with a patient on the freeway at night in a snow storm gave many of the other first responders the confidence to keep doing their jobs and to manage a very emotionally charge and chaotic scene. Mark's example elevates the profession and gives his colleagues a high bar to reach for.