

JASPER COUNTY EMS HERO WALL

Paramedic of the Year

EMS Week 2026



Paramedic Zachery Merritt receives Jasper County EMS's 2026 Paramedic of the Year Award during EMS Week.

During EMS Week 2026, Jasper County EMS recognized **Paramedic Zachery Merritt** as its **Paramedic of the Year**. The honor was especially meaningful because Merritt was nominated by the people who work beside him — his fellow JCEMS employees.

Peer recognition represents more than a single call or accomplishment. It reflects the confidence of a team that sees the work performed between the calls as well as during them: commitment to the community, dependable patient care, teamwork, and a willingness to be there when others need him. Merritt's selection recognizes the impact one paramedic can have on patients, partners, and the culture of an EMS organization.

Chosen by his peers, Zachery Merritt — 2026 Paramedic of the Year — represents the professionalism, teamwork, and commitment to service that Jasper County EMS strives to bring to every call and every patient.

Jasper County EMS - Recognizing the people and moments that define our mission.