

**Saving an Amputee: EMS Rescuers Race the Clock After a Freak Accident
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St. Petersburg, Fla. – Aug. 21, 2009 – In a freak accident, Andrew Hall became an amputee.

But he is alive, thanks largely to the work done by EMS rescuers during the “[golden hour](#),” the most critical time after a traumatic injury.

The race to save Hall is detailed in a [special report](#) released Aug. 21 on [tampabay.com](#) and in print Aug. 23.

“Hall had cerebral palsy and as a boy wore leg braces and sometimes needed a walker or a wheelchair,” wrote Times staffers Rita Farlow and Mike Moscardini. “On the morning of April 20, he was standing outside his apartment, waiting for a friend. Then came the car and the noise and a horrible impact,” the story continues.

At 1:03 a.m., the clock had started ticking on Andrew Hall’s golden hour.

In “The Golden Hour” special report online, read the story, hear the [rescuers recount the experience](#), and view an [interactive timeline](#) and [panoramic map of the accident scene](#) online.

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