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September 22, 1993 is a day I’ll never forget. In the pre-dawn darkness, the Sunset Limited Amtrak train derailed in the Mobile Delta, sending scores of passengers and crew into the water. While en route to the scene, the first thing Mobile Fire-Rescue did was call the USA Medical Center.

We knew that we could count on the University of South Alabama Medical Center. With Mobile’s only Level One Trauma Center and Regional Burn Center, the USA Medical Center is vital and irreplaceable during a mass casualty disaster.

When you have a disaster like the Amtrak train wreck, that’s when you really appreciate the unique services of the USA Medical Center.

-Chief Stephen Dean
City of Mobile Fire-Rescue Department