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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES 2009 ANNUAL EMS AWARDS

SACRAMENTO - The California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA), has announced the recipients of EMS Awards for the 2009 year. The award period represents activities from January 1, 2009 through October 15, 2010 for cumulative service.

Emergency medical services (EMS) personnel are trained to provide stabilizing, and lifesaving care. These EMS awards are intended to honor and recognize noteworthy or exceptional acts and service while working as EMS certified or licensed personnel, administrators, trainers, or volunteers within the EMS system.

These awards will be presented at a meeting of the Commission on EMS December 1 in San Francisco. Visit www.emsa.ca.gov/about/awards/default.asp for additional information about the EMS Awards.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS (2009)

MEDAL OF VALOR

John David Manzeck (Pleasant Hill, CA)

For actions on 11 April 2010 to rescue a victim under extreme conditions

EMS CROSS

Mike Giannini (Woodacre, CA)

For providing the highest level of sustained EMS service and leadership in Marin County

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL:

Chuck Baucom (Merced, CA)

For providing superior sustained statewide leadership as a member of the EMS Commission, and co-chair of the EMS Vision process that began in 1997

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Ron Blaul (Irvine, CA)

For providing superior sustained statewide leadership as a Chairman and member of the EMS Commission, and co-chair of the EMS Vision process that began in 1997

Ramon W. Johnson, M.D. (Laguna Beach, CA)

For providing superior sustained statewide leadership as a Chairman and member of the EMS Commission, and participant on EMS committees providing dedicated guidance in emergency care and EMS for Children

Jeff L. Rubin (Elk Grove, CA)

For providing sustained, superior statewide service as Chief of the Disaster Medical Services Division in the development of disaster medical services

Nancy J. Steiner (Orangevale, CA)

For providing superior, sustained statewide leadership as Chief of the EMS Personnel Division at EMSA, and facilitator EMS task forces and committees which provided exemplary leadership in EMT and paramedic personnel and training

R. Steven Tharratt, M.D. (El Dorado Hills, CA)

For providing sustained, superior statewide EMS medical leadership as Director of EMSA

Kevin White (Citrus Heights, CA)

For providing superior sustained statewide leadership as a representative on EMS task forces and committees providing leadership in EMT and paramedic personnel and training, as well as strong participation on the EMT2010 process implementation

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL:

Debbie Bervel, M.D. (Highland, CA)

For providing superior volunteer EMS medical leadership for Search and Rescue in San Bernardino County

Layne Contreras (Commerce, CA)

For providing superior EMS service and education for over 25 years in Los Angeles County

David Huseman (San Jose, CA)

For providing superior EMS service and education for over 30 years in Santa Clara County

Chris Olson (San Diego, CA)

For providing superior EMS service and innovation for over 35 years in San Diego County

Frank Wesley Podboy (Alta Loma, CA)

For providing superior volunteer EMS service leadership for Search and Rescue in San Bernardino County.

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Marie Podboy (Alta Loma, CA)

For providing superior volunteer EMS service leadership for Search and Rescue in San Bernardino County

Paul Santos (San Diego, CA)

For meritorious performance of rescue on 1 April 2010

Michael Van Elgort (San Jose, CA)

For service and leadership to advance pre-hospital cardiac care in Santa Clara County

LIFE SAVING MEDAL:

Robert Kessler (Stockton, CA)

For lifesaving actions on 18 July 2010 while off duty to treat a woman who was in full cardiac arrest

Taylor A. Voss (Costa Mesa, CA)

For lifesaving actions on 14 July 2010 while off duty to rescue a victim of a house fire

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:

Steven Drowniany (Sunnyvale, CA)

For providing dedicated community EMS service to improve emergency cardiac care

Anne Marie Jensen (San Diego, CA)

For providing dedicated community service in organizing EMS social networking opportunities

Kevin Riutzel (San Diego, CA)

For providing dedicated community service in organizing public access defibrillation programs in San Diego County

INTER-SERVICE EMS RECOGNITION MEDAL:

Julia Abubo, R.N. (Costa Mesa, CA)

For lifesaving rescue efforts on 18 June 2010 to remove a victim from an apartment fire

Curtis Darnell (San Jose, CA)

For service and leadership to integrate EMS into the public safety stakeholder community

Daniel Humphreys (Mission Viejo, CA)

For lifesaving rescue efforts on 8 August 2010 that resulted in the life of an infant being saved

Consuelo Yokum (Campbell, CA)

For volunteer service and leadership during the H1N1 pandemic emergency in Santa Clara County

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STATEWIDE EMS SYSTEM AWARDS (2009)

EMS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR:

Virginia Price Hastings (San Bernardino, CA)

For dedication to statewide EMS systems and sustained, superior leadership on behalf of local EMS agencies

EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR:

James Pointer, M.D. (Novato, CA)

For superior sustained statewide participation as an EMS Medical Director in both Alameda and San Francisco EMS agencies, participation for 20 years on the EMS Scope of Practice Committee of EMDAC and leadership in EMS research

EMS EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR:

Heather Davis, MS (Los Angeles, CA)

For exemplary service in emergency medical services (EMS) education

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