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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES ANNUAL EMS AWARDS

SAN FRANCISCO - The California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) today paid tribute to nine EMS professionals at a meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Commission in San Francisco.

The EMS awards are intended to honor noteworthy or exceptional acts and service while working as EMS certified or licensed personnel, administrators, trainers, or volunteers within the EMS system.

EMSA Director Steve Tharratt, M.D., MPVM, presented the EMS Awards for the 2008 year in a brief ceremony acknowledging the accomplishments of each recipient.

“The EMS Awards provide us an opportunity to recognize the outstanding efforts of California’s dedicated emergency medical responders,” said Tharratt. “Some of the recipients have demonstrated a superior level of commitment to improving the emergency medical services system in California and others have made an extraordinary effort to help someone under extreme conditions. All reflect great credit on the profession of emergency medical response.”

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS (2008)

MEDAL OF VALOR

Craig Scott, EMT-P, California Highway Patrol Northern Division

For actions on October 16, 2008, to rescue a child under extreme conditions

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL:

David Hoyt, M.D., FACS, University of California, Irvine Medical Center

For providing statewide Trauma system leadership for over 25 years

Donald H. Cheu, M.D., FACS, San Mateo County EMS Agency

For providing statewide Disaster leadership for more than 30 years

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL:

Terry Crammer, R.N. Los Angeles County EMS Agency

For providing educational leadership in paramedic training for more than 18 years

Jeremiah Glass, EMT-P, of Chico, First Responder EMS

For actions on December 23, 2008, to successfully intervene in a dangerous situation above and beyond the call of duty

INTER-SERVICE EMS RECOGNITION MEDAL

Officer Scott Lindsay, Ripon Police Department

For providing timely and life-saving treatment on January 27, 2009, for a victim of an obstructed airway

STATEWIDE EMS SYSTEM AWARDS (2008)

EMS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR:

Barbara Pletz, R.N., San Mateo County EMS Agency

For providing leadership for EMS Education and EMT2010

EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR:

Joe Barger, M.D., of Martinez, Contra Costa County EMS Agency

For providing leadership on the Statewide EMS Scope of Practice Committee

EMS EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR:

Doug Boileau, MPH, EMT-P, of Arcata, North Coast Paramedic Training Program

For providing leadership for EMS Education in Rural California

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