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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES
2016 CALIFORNIA EMS AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Thirty-four (34) Californians will be honored for their heroic acts and extraordinary contributions to EMS on December 14th in San Francisco.

SACRAMENTO - Dr. Howard Backer, Director of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA), has announced the recipients of California Emergency Medical Services Awards for 2016. Launched in 2007, the annual awards honor and recognize exceptional acts and service by individuals working or volunteering in California's emergency medical system.

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, educators, volunteers or civilians within the EMS system.

"I am pleased to announce a select group of EMS professionals who are being honored for their exhibited professional excellence and exceptional service," said Director Backer. "These men and women epitomize the spirit and commitment to quality that embody these awards and deserve official recognition for their contributions in making California's EMS system one of the best in the world."

Most of the awards will be presented during a luncheon ceremony following the regular meeting of the Commission on Emergency Medical Services on December 14th in San Francisco at the Marines' Memorial Club & Hotel. Clinical Excellence Awards will be presented at the recipients' home stations and are not part of the formal ceremony in San Francisco.

The award ceremony is generously sponsored by Hospital Council of Northern & Central California, Bound Tree Medical, California Professional Firefighters, Philips Healthcare, Z-Medica, Life-Assist, American Medical Response, California Fire Chiefs Association, California Ambulance Association and Physio-Control. The event is held at no cost to the State of California. For additional information about the awards and the ceremony, visit www.emsa.ca.gov/awards. List of recipients below.

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Miles Julihn, San Rafael, Marin County EMS Agency

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Ruth Grubb, Santa Ana, Orange County EMS Agency

MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Dr. Samuel Stratton, Santa Ana, Orange County EMS Agency

CIVILIAN AWARD

Christian Beecher, Sacramento

David Danberger, Groveland

Jesse Danberger, Groveland

Randall Deaton, Groveland

Bruce Faber, Modesto

Isabelle Heinken, Coronado

Lou Meyer, Stockton

Grace Morgan, Coronado

Steve Prescott, Modesto

Priscilla Rivera, Rancho Cordova

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Kristy Kuhn, Modesto, Mountain Valley EMS Agency

Jonathan Mendoza, Manteca, San Joaquin County EMS Agency

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Dr. Bruce Haynes, San Diego, Imperial & San Diego County EMS Agencies

EMS CROSS

Ernest "Dan" Bouse, Adin, Adin Ambulance Service

INTER-SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD

Mark Barra, Calipatria, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

LIFESAVING MEDAL AWARD

Carlos Bedolla, Jr., Hollister, Hollister Fire Department
Richard Gonzales, Manteca, San Joaquin County EMS Agency
Matthew Morse, Commerce, Los Angeles County Fire Department
Andy Nicassio, Commerce, Los Angeles County Fire Department
David Nicassio, Commerce, Los Angeles County Fire Department

MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD

Casey Chesier, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
James Moss, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Theresa Conrad, Rancho Cucamonga, American Medical Response
Carl Dennett, Tecopa, Southern Inyo Fire Protection District
Steve Doucette, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Clifford Hadsell, Carlsbad, Citrus College
Robert Lamborghini, Glendora, Glendora Police Department
Kathy Ratliff, Weaverville, Trinity County Life Support
Gregory Schwegler, Georgetown, CAL FIRE / Cameron Park Fire Department
Brian Wheeler, Los Angeles, UCLA Center for Prehospital Care
Heidi Whitman, San Diego, American Medical Response

CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD *(presented at recipients' home stations)*

Daniel Arellano, Glendora, Sierra Madre Fire Department
Brian Ballentine, Neenach, Los Angeles County Fire Department
Kyle Bell, Oroville, Butte County EMS Agency
Zachary Cain, Escondido, Mercy Medical Transportation, Inc.
Marsha Farrington, Tehachapi, Hall Ambulance
Jeremiah Glass, Chico, Butte County EMS Agency
Alec Hernandez, El Nido, Riggs Ambulance Service
Jayson Hilmer, Paradise, Butte County EMS Agency
Ashot Kglyan, Montebello, Sierra Madre Fire Department
William Krakauer, Woodacre, Marin County Fire
Kevin Lancaster, Chico, Butte County EMS Agency
Luke Layton, Oakdale, Riggs Ambulance Service

Ryan Matheson, Vista, Mercy Medical Transportation, Inc.

Gilberto Mejia, Glendale, Glendale Fire Department

Aaron Rivers, Merced, Riggs Ambulance Service

John Scalise, Yucaipa, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department

Phillip Tibbs, Oxnard, Sierra Madre Fire Department

Ted Walters, Sierra Madre, Sierra Madre Fire Department

Eric Watts, Turlock, Riggs Ambulance Service

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