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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES 2011 CALIFORNIA EMS AWARDS

39 people will be honored for their heroic acts and extraordinary contributions to EMS at a ceremony December 7th in San Francisco.

SACRAMENTO - Dr. Howard Backer, Director of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA), today announced the recipients of the 2011 California Emergency Medical Services Awards. Launched in 2007, the annual awards honor and recognize exceptional acts and service by individuals working or volunteering in California's emergency medical system.

"Providing emergency medical care in the field, whether on the street, home, office, or store is heroic by its nature, and the people who chose this career deserve recognition," said Backer. "Each year, certain emergency medical technicians, paramedics and system participants stand out for their extraordinary actions. It's important that we acknowledge their contributions toward public safety and for making California's EMS system one of the best in the world."

Many of the awards will be presented during a luncheon ceremony December 7th in San Francisco at the Marines' Memorial Hotel. The Awards for Clinical Excellence will be presented at the recipient's workplace. The award ceremony is sponsored by EMSA local partners at no cost to the state. For information about the awards and the ceremony, visit www.emsa.ca.gov/about/awards/default.asp.

STATEWIDE EMS SYSTEM AWARDS

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Art Lathrop (Contra Costa County)

For sustained, dedicated EMS leadership in Contra Costa County and the State spanning over 25 years

EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD:

William Koenig, MD (Los Angeles, CA)

For valuable contributions in EMS research, program development, advanced CPR, end-of-life-care & sustained service as State EMS Commission Chairman & EMDAC President

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Linda V. Anderson (Sebastopol, CA)

For exemplary service in emergency medical services training

EMT OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Catherine Rucker (Novato, CA)

For demonstrating commitment to EMS, community, and service reflecting the professional EMT

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

LIFESAVING AWARD:

Jessica Batz (Chico, CA)

For lifesaving actions on 2 June 2011 to a pulseless man while off duty

(Leslie) Randy Elder (Anaheim, CA)

For lifesaving actions on 7 June 2010 to rescue an elderly woman from a burning house while off duty

Tony Giacomini (Woodacre, CA)

For lifesaving actions on 23 April 2011 to a pulseless man while off duty

Matt Wolfe (Chico, CA)

For lifesaving actions on 2 June 2011 to a pulseless man while off duty

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:

Louis K. Meyer (Stockton, CA)

For superior, sustained statewide leadership for over 30 years

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD:

David Hernandez (San Jose, CA)

For meritorious care of a gunshot victim in a dangerous environment on 20 August 2011

Mark Leonard (Gualala, CA)

For providing superior EMS training, leadership, and ingenuity in remote Mendocino County

Sean Link (San Jose, CA)

For meritorious care of a gunshot victim in a dangerous environment on 20 August 2011

James Meikle (San Jose, CA)

For meritorious care of a gunshot victim in a dangerous environment on 20 August 2011

Ian Mikulas (Monterey, CA)

For meritorious care of a gunshot victim in a dangerous environment on 20 August 2011

Mary Murphy (Rancho Santa Fe, CA)

For providing superior EMS coordination, education and leadership in San Diego County

Jodi Nevandro (Santa Monica, CA)

For providing superior EMS coordination, leadership and education in Los Angeles County

James (Seamus) O'Donnell (Albany, CA)

For meritorious care of a gunshot victim in a dangerous environment on 20 August 2011

Michael O'Grady (Morgan Hill, CA)

For meritorious performance of rescue in a dangerous environment on 9 September 2010

Harrison Stewart (Chico, CA)

For meritorious performance of rescue in a hazardous environment on 31 October 2010

Forrest Uhland (Morgan Hill, CA)

For meritorious performance of rescue in a dangerous environment on 9 September 2010

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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:

Maria Barairo (Oakland, CA)

For providing dedicated community EMS service in volunteerism and civic engagement in Alameda County

Marilyn Dioszeghy (Chico, CA)

For providing dedicated community EMS service in CPR instruction in Butte County

Debbi Rath (Windsor, CA)

For providing dedicated community EMS service in efforts with Mothers Against Drunk Driving & Every 15 Minutes throughout California

INTER-SERVICE EMS RECOGNITION AWARD:

Debbie Moore (Escondido, CA)

For medical actions resulting in saving the life of a student suffering from cardiac arrest on 14 December 2010

CIVILIAN AWARD:

Merle Hall, Eric Hall, Henry Hall & Ethan Hall (Alamo, CA)

For rescue actions resulting in saving the life of a person who had jumped from the Golden Gate Bridge on 17 April 2011

Brian Hudson (Escondido, CA)

For medical actions resulting in saving the life of a student suffering from cardiac arrest on 14 December 2010

TEAM AWARD – INTERNATIONAL:

Stanford Emergency Medicine International Team for their efforts in developing the first EMS service in Nepal.

Paul Auerbach, MD; David Amsalem, EMT; Alice Chiao, MD; Benjamin Kelley, EMT; Swaminatha Mahadevan, MD; Uta Shimizu, MD; Matthew Strehlow, MD; and Rebecca Walker, MD.

CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD:

The Awards for Clinical Excellence will be presented at the recipient's workplace and will not be part of the awards ceremony in San Francisco.

Alberto Alvarez (Bakersfield, CA)

Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on 28 November 2010

Claudia Andrade (Bakersfield, CA)

Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on 28 November 2010

George Baker (Bakersfield, CA)

Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on 25 December 2010

Chris Brooks (Cotati, CA)

Excellent patient care while successfully delivering a baby in an ambulance on 24 December 2010

Sebastian Chavez (Bakersfield, CA)

Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on 25 December 2010

Sean Cox (Orange, CA)

Excellent and compassionate care while transporting patient under difficult circumstances 17 February 2011

Heather Drolette (Cotati, CA)

Excellent patient care while successfully delivering a baby in an ambulance on 24 December 2010

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Mike Grissom (Bakersfield, CA)

Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on 25 December 2010

Kevin McClanahan (Bakersfield, CA)

Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest 16 January 2011

Brandon McNamara (Bakersfield, CA)

Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on 25 December 2010

Stephanie Melton (Orange, CA)

Excellent and compassionate care while transporting patient under difficult circumstances 17 February 2011

Shaun Navarra (Solano, CA)

Excellent patient care for a 13 year old child suffering cardiac arrest on 26 January 2011