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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES 2013 CALIFORNIA EMS AWARDS

Twenty-three (23) Californians will be honored for their heroic acts and extraordinary contributions to EMS on December 4th 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 (EMS) Awards for 2013. 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, trainers, or volunteers within the EMS system. The award period represents activities from September 8, 2012 through September 6, 2013 for cumulative service.

"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 4th in San Francisco at the Marines' Memorial Hotel. Clinical Excellence Awards will be presented at the recipients' home stations.

The award ceremony is sponsored by American Medical Response, Bound Tree Medical, Paramedics Plus, California Ambulance Association, California Fire Chief's Association, and the San Francisco Paramedic Association and will be held at no cost to the State. For information about the awards and the ceremony, visit <http://www.emsa.ca.gov/Awards>. List of recipients attached.

2013 EMS Awards Recipients

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Ross Elliott (Bakersfield, CA) Kern County EMS Agency, Director

For more than ten years of exceptional service as the EMS Administrator for Kern County and statewide EMS leadership in emergency management, preparedness, and strategic planning.

EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Karl Sporer (San Leandro, CA) Alameda County EMS Agency, Medical Director

For lifelong passion for innovation in healthcare, quality, medical direction, leadership and significant EMS contributions to the medicine and science of EMS in California.

EMS EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR:

Les Hugie (Buellton, CA) AMR Santa Barbara, Clinical Manager

For exceptional educational leadership and tireless advocacy for professional EMS training in the southern California region and statewide.

EMT OF THE YEAR:

Jeremiah Glass (Chico, CA) Enloe Hospital/West Side Ambulance, Paramedic

For dedication to excellent and compassionate patient care, providing exceptional service in the central California EMS region, statewide, and abroad.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:

Cathy Chidester (Santa Fe Springs, CA) Los Angeles County EMS Agency, Director

For more than 30 years of dedicated and sustained EMS service demonstrating a strong passion for training, teamwork, patient advocacy, and statewide leadership.

Cynthia Frankel (San Leandro, CA) Alameda County EMS Agency, Disaster & EMSC Coordinator

For superior sustained statewide leadership, advocacy, and education to improve EMS for children, as evidenced in her work in building coalitions in pediatric disaster preparedness and response.

Dave Austin (Irwindale, CA) AMR West, Director of Administration

For superior statewide EMS service for more than 37 years addressing local and state EMS public policy and fostering a patient-centered approach.

Christopher Van Gorder, FACHE (San Diego, CA), Scripps Health, Chief Executive Officer

For superior statewide leadership as a member of the EMS Commission and for exceptional achievement and exemplary leadership in disaster medical response.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD:

Dr. Mark Eckstein (Los Angeles, CA), Los Angeles County EMS Agency, LAFD MD/LAC-USC Base MD
For providing exceptional leadership and service to the Los Angeles medical community.

William "Bill" Caldera (Sonora, CA), Tuolumne County Ambulance, Chief

For outstanding service and leadership during the Rim Fire on August 17, 2013.

Jim Morrissey (San Leandro, CA), Alameda County EMS, Pre-hospital Care Coordinator Supervisor

For sustained, dedicated EMS service in the San Francisco area for almost 30 years and for meritorious contributions to the EMS profession, including tactical medicine.

Rebecca Foster (San Leandro, CA), Paramedics Plus, Advanced Medic
For participating in the rescue of a family trapped in their sinking car on June 16, 2013.

Michael Jacobs (San Leandro, CA), Alameda County EMS, Cardiovascular Program Manager
For outstanding efforts to improve cardiac arrest survivability in the hospital and pre-hospital setting.

LIFESAVING AWARD:

Sean Diemert (Martinez, CA), Contra Costa/ProTransport-1, EMT
For heroically saving the life of a woman trapped in a burning car while off duty on November 12, 2012.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:

Jym Bridger (El Cajon, CA), Heartland Fire Rescue, Firefighter/Paramedic
For exceptional efforts and dedication in EMS service, training, and system administration.

Rich Porcelli (South San Francisco, CA), South San Francisco Fire, EMS Captain
For creativity and enthusiasm to educate the public about strokes by distributing stroke education cards on May 7, 2013.

Ennis Jackson (Carlsbad, CA), AMR-San Diego, Paramedic
For exceptional efforts and dedication to educate teenagers about the hazards of drug and alcohol abuse for over twenty years in southern California.

Walter Parton (Merced, CA), Riggs Ambulance Service/Merced County EMS, Community Liaison
For dedicated volunteerism and exceptional EMS service to the Dos Palos community.

Chana Alexander (Lancaster, CA), American Medical Response, FTO/CPR Instructor
For dedication and selfless volunteerism in training more than 1,000 Antelope Valley residents in Hands-Only CPR.

CIVILIAN AWARD:

Albert Alvarez (Seaside, CA)
For saving the life of an elderly man on April 10, 2013.

Erik Schorken (San Leandro, CA)
For assisting in life saving efforts of a family on June 16, 2013.

Andrew Goodwin (San Leandro, CA)
For assisting in life saving efforts of a family on June 16, 2013.

Tracey McCormick (Alameda, CA)
For assisting in life saving efforts of a family on June 16, 2013.

CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AWARD:

Clinical Excellence Awards will be presented at the recipients' home stations, not at the EMS Awards Ceremony in San Francisco:

Doug Butler (Santa Rosa, CA), AMR Sonoma Life Support, Paramedic
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on February 6, 2013.

Romeo Pardilla (Stockton, CA), AMR Sonoma Life Support, EMT
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on February 6, 2013.

Bill Bullard (Forestville, CA), Graton Fire, Deputy Chief
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on February 6, 2013.

Terry Davis (Forestville, CA), Graton Fire, Chief
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on February 6, 2013.

Jeremy Janes (Santa Rosa, CA), Graton Fire, Firefighter
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on February 6, 2013.

Kyler Walker (Graton, CA), Graton Fire, Firefighter
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on February 6, 2013.

Shepley Schroth-Cary (Sebastopol, CA), Cal Fire, Engineer
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on February 6, 2013.

Diane Mibach (Corte Madera, CA), Cal Fire, Firefighter
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on February 6, 2013.

Paul Fleckenstein (Guerneville, CA), Cal Fire, Captain
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on February 6, 2013.

Michael Hunt (Rohnert Park, CA), AMR Sonoma, Paramedic
Excellent and compassionate care while transporting individuals under extreme circumstances on July 6, 2013.

Marcos Barros (Santa Rosa, CA), AMR Sonoma, Paramedic
Excellent and compassionate care while transporting individuals under extreme circumstances on July 6, 2013.

Jacob Sheffer (Santa Rosa, CA), AMR Sonoma, EMT
Excellent and compassionate care while transporting individuals under extreme circumstances on July 6, 2013.

Brian Trotter (Vacaville, CA), AMR Sonoma, Paramedic
Excellent and compassionate care while transporting individuals under extreme circumstances on July 6, 2013.

Jared Eckle (Oakdale, CA), Oak Valley Ambulance, Paramedic

Excellent and compassionate care while transporting a 2 year old under extreme circumstances on December 22, 2012.

Robert Shelp (Oakdale, CA), Mountain Valley EMSA, Paramedic
Excellent and compassionate care while transporting a 2 year old under extreme circumstances on December 22, 2012.

Jesus Sigala (Modesto, CA), Stanislaus County Sheriff, Deputy
Excellent and compassionate care while transporting a 2 year old under extreme circumstances on December 22, 2012.

Mike Satariano (Riverbank, CA), Mountain Valley EMSA, EMT
Excellent and compassionate care while transporting a 2 year old under extreme circumstances on December 22, 2012.

Jeremy Smith (Riverbank, CA), Mountain Valley EMSA, EMT
Excellent and compassionate care while transporting a 2 year old under extreme circumstances on December 22, 2012.

Doug Falle (Riverbank, CA), Mountain Valley EMSA, EMT
Excellent and compassionate care while transporting a 2 year old under extreme circumstances on December 22, 2012.

Kyle Ramirez (Milpitas, CA), Santa Clara County EMS Agency, EMT
Excellent and compassionate care while transporting an infant under extreme circumstances on May 28, 2013. (This award is being given posthumously. Ramirez died on September 9, 2013).

William Hiller (Milpitas, CA), Santa Clara County EMS Agency, EMT
Excellent and compassionate care while transporting an infant under extreme circumstances on May 28, 2013.

Sadie Eirich (Merced, CA), Riggs Ambulance Service/Merced County EMS, Paramedic
Excellent patient care for the transport of a young patient ejected from a vehicle after a car crash on January 19, 2013.

Eduardo Salazar (Sacramento, CA), San Francisco/ProTransport-1, Paramedic
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on January 12, 2013.

Anthony Lawrence (San Francisco, CA), San Francisco/ProTransport-1, EMT
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on August 8, 2013.

Josh Menzies (Santa Rosa, CA), San Francisco/ProTransport-1, Paramedic
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on August 8, 2013.

Elias Nasser (San Bruno, CA), San Francisco/ProTransport-1, Paramedic
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on August 8, 2013.

Vinh Nguyen (Merced, CA), Riggs Ambulance Service/Merced County EMS, Paramedic
Excellent patient care for treatment of an unstable STEMI patient on June 12, 2013.

Conrad Arenas (San Francisco, CA), San Francisco/ProTransport-1, EMT
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on January 12, 2013.

Scot Daniels (San Rafael, CA), San Francisco/ProTransport-1, Paramedic
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on January 12, 2013.

Brian White (Bakersfield, CA), Kern County EMS, Paramedic
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on January 12, 2013.

Kent Frazier (Bakersfield, CA), Kern County EMS, Paramedic
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering from a cerebral vascular accident on June 22, 2012.

Brian McChristian (Bakersfield, CA), Kern County EMS, Paramedic
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on February 11, 2013.

Shawn Crocker (Bakersfield, CA), Kern County EMS, Paramedic
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on February 11, 2013.

Sam Fyles (San Francisco, CA), San Francisco/ProTransport-1, EMT
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on August 8, 2013.

Nolan Hamblen (Berkeley, CA), San Francisco/ProTransport-1, Paramedic
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on August 8, 2013.

Christopher Kopitzke (Berkeley, CA), San Francisco/ProTransport-1, EMT
Excellent patient care for an individual suffering cardiac arrest on August 8, 2013.

Jonathan Knauf (Escondido, CA), Mountain Valley EMSA, Paramedic
Excellent patient care for an infant who suffered cardiac arrest on March 1, 2013.

Chiyon Speakman (Vallejo, CA), Medic Ambulance Service, RN
Excellent and compassionate care for a patient who went into ventricular tachycardia during transport on February 26, 2013.

Markus Lincoln (Vallejo, CA), Medic Ambulance Service, EMT
Excellent patient care for a 6 year old suffering cardiac arrest on December 5, 2012.

Michael Spath (Sunnyvale, CA), Santa Clara County EMS Agency, Senior Public Safety Dispatcher
Excellent patient care while delivering CPR instructions over the phone, which saved the life of an elderly woman on January 1, 2013.

Nichole Spencer (San Leandro, CA), Paramedics Plus, EMT
Excellent patient care for a family trapped in their sinking vehicle on June 16, 2013.

Cody Haney (Newport Beach, CA), Newport Beach Fire Department/Lifeguard Ops, Tower Lifeguard
Excellent patient care for a drowning victim on June 28, 2013.

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