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### **Division of EMS and Ohio ACEP Host EMS Awards Ceremony** *Ceremony highlights dedication and service of EMS providers during National EMS Week*

**COLUMBUS** – The Ohio Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) held its second annual Ohio EMS Awards ceremony today in conjunction with the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP) 13<sup>th</sup> annual EMS Star of Life Awards ceremony.

"Each day in Ohio, EMS providers save lives and perform countless noteworthy acts of caring, kindness and service to their community," said Ohio EMS Interim Executive Director Ellen Owens. "These awards are a tribute to those individuals and organizations whose overall contributions go beyond their basic duties and responsibilities and who represent the finest traditions of our profession."

Ceremonies were held this morning in the ODOT Auditorium located at 1980 W. Broad St., in Columbus.

The first segment of the award ceremony was dedicated to the Ohio EMS Awards which recognize outstanding career achievements and honor those in Ohio's EMS system whose accomplishments rise above the day-to-day excellence of the system.

2011 recipients are:

- EMT-Basic of the Year-- Dustin Ruehle, Findlay
- EMT-Intermediate of the Year--Roxanne Jones, Bowling Green
- EMT-Paramedic of the Year-- Randall Johann, Cincinnati,
- Emergency Medical Service of the Year-- Liberty Township Fire Department, Delaware County
- Volunteer Emergency Medical Service of the Year--Putnam County EMS
- Emergency Medical Services for Children Provider of the Year --Stephanie Bittner, EMT-P, Cincinnati
- EMS Medical Director of the Year --William "Randy" Marriott, MD., Dayton

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The second segment of the program included the Ohio ACEP's *EMS Star of Life Awards* which are designed to honor Ohio's exceptional EMS personnel; recognize Ohio's emergency medical services system and organizations; reunite the EMS provider with the person treated; generate positive media stories regarding pre hospital care; and to magnify the profile of National EMS Week in the State of Ohio.

The *EMS Star of Life Awards* committee evaluated the nominations based upon model patient care, protocols and proper treatment, and extraordinary documentation.

The 2011 recipients are:

- Region 1: Miami Township Fire & EMS and University Air Care
- Region 2: Huber Heights Fire Division
- Region 3: Bath Township Fire Department
- Region 4: Citizen's Ambulance Service and Wakeman Fire District
- Region 5: The Columbus Division of Fire Medic 18 2 Unit
- Region 6: New Concord Fire Department
- Region 7: Central Fire District
- Region 8: Bath Fire Department
- Region 9: Brooklyn Fire Department
- Region 10: Western Reserve Joint Fire District

Ohio ACEP also awards the *Frank Giampetro Distinguished EMS Educator Award*. This award, sponsored by Premier Health Care Services, was established to recognize a dynamic educator who has made notable contributions to the Emergency Medical Services system thus improving the quality of care delivered to the citizens of Ohio. This year's recipient is: Scott Martin, Director of Paramedic Education and Emergency Management at Akron General Medical Center.

National Emergency Medical Services Week (May 15-21) brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line."

The theme *EMS. Everyday Heroes...* exemplifies the commitment that emergency medical personnel make on behalf of the communities they serve. Currently, Ohio has the commitment and dedication of 40,000 EMTs and more than 50,000 firefighters in Ohio who provide a fundamental community service every day.

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*The Ohio Department of Public Safety, through the Division of EMS, oversees the certification of emergency medical technicians and firefighters and ensures that the professionals in these lifesaving roles are properly trained, educated and prepared for emergency situations.*