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Division of EMS and Ohio ACEP Host 14th Annual EMS Star of Life Awards

Premier event recognizes and honors Ohio's excellent prehospital providers

WHAT:

The Ohio Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP) will join forces Wednesday, May 16, 2012 and host the 14th annual EMS Star of Life Awards ceremony at Bridgewater Banquet & Conference Center located in Powell, Ohio, in celebration of National Emergency Medical Services Week (May 20-26).

WHO:

Division of Emergency Medical Services, Executive Director, Jeff Leaming
Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, Executive Director, Laura Tiberi
Columbus Division of Fire, Medical Director, Dave Keseg, MD, FACEP
EMS providers representing various agencies in Ohio

WHERE:

Bridgewater Banquet & Conference Center
10561 Sawmill Parkway, Powell, OH 46035

WHEN:

Wednesday, May 16, 12:30 p.m.

WHY:

The EMS Star of Life awards honors exceptional EMS personnel from Ohio and reunites EMS providers with the patients they rescued. The goal of the awards is to highlight the life –saving work of the EMS providers, and their impact on patients and communities.

State and local planners will hold activities honoring paramedics, emergency medical technicians, first responders, firefighters and police to commemorate National EMS Week (May 20-26). EMS providers will also educate the public about injury prevention, safety awareness and medical emergencies.

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EMS Star of Life Awards recipients are:

Regional Stars

- Region 1: Green Township Fire & EMS
- Region 2: Pleasant Township Fire & EMS and CareFlight
- Region 3: Mercer County EMS – Celina Squad
- Region 5: Hamilton Township Fire Department
- Region 6: Coshocton County EMS
- Region 8: Copley Fire Department
- Region 10: Johnston Township Fire Department

Basic Life Support Provider of the Year

Sherrie Kay Liming, EMT-B, Jefferson Township Fire Department

Advanced Life Support Provider of the Year

Captain Larry Cole, NREMT-P, EMS-I, FF-2, FSI, FI, City of Cheviot Fire Department

Primarily Volunteer Agency of the Year

New Bremen Emergency Squad

Paid/Combination Agency of the Year

Akron Fire Department EMS

EMS Medical Director of the Year

Matthew E. Birkle, MD, Western Joint Ambulance District

Frank Giampetro Distinguished EMS Educator

Joel Dickinson, NREMT-P, EMSI, Genesis Healthcare System

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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.

Ohio ACEP promotes quality emergency medical care and represents the interests of Ohio's Emergency Physicians. Since its charter in 1972, Ohio ACEP has been at the forefront of advancing the profession of emergency medicine in Ohio.

