



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Division of EMS and Ohio ACEP to Host 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15, 2013 and host the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 19-25).

Homage will also be paid to the original members of the State EMS Board during the event, commemorating the 20-year anniversary of the State EMS Board's first public meeting.

### WHO:

Division of Emergency Medical Services, Executive Director, Mel House  
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 15, 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 lifesaving 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 19-25). EMS providers will also educate the public about injury prevention, safety awareness and medical emergencies.



EMS Star of Life Awards recipients are:

**Regional Stars:**

Colerain Twp. Fire & EMS and Hamilton County Communications Center

Mechanicsburg Fire & EMS

Cairo-Monroe Township Fire & EMS

Marysville Division of Fire

Dalton Volunteer Fire Department

Deerfield Fire Department

Brooklyn Fire Department & Parma Fire Department

Boardman Fire Department

**Frank Giampetro Distinguished EMS Educator:**

Carolyn Steffl, BSN, EMT-P, Columbus State Community College

**BLS Provider of the Year:**

Gary Huelskamp, EMT, Versailles EMS

**ALS Provider of the Year:**

Jason Kuhn, EMT-P, Tri-Division Ambulance District

**Volunteer Agency of the Year:**

Jackson-Forest Ambulance District/EMS

**Paid/Combination Agency of the Year:**

Lawrence County Emergency Medical Service

**EMS Medical Director of the Year:**

Donald Spaner, MD, Cleveland Clinic Regional Hospitals

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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.*