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Emergency Responders Honored at Annual Conference

INDIANAPOLIS – Emergency responders from across the state were honored at the 28th Annual Indiana Emergency Response Conference September 18-20, 2008.

The conference was hosted by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association and the Indiana Firefighters Association and is an opportunity for Hoosier first responders to advance their knowledge and skills in emergency response, as well as learn and share best practices with peers.

The sessions at the Indiana Emergency Response Conference are geared toward fire chiefs, firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, safety educators, hazardous material responders, technical rescue, and several other public safety professions. The conference has many educational opportunities and an abundance of information on new developments in emergency services. It also offers the opportunity to learn skills for mass casualty incidents, triage, patient assessment, and performance measurement.

2008 Emergency Response Conference Award Recipients

**Photograph of the Year**
Mary Norton, Orland Community Volunteer Fire Department

**Ambulance Provider Public Relations Award**
Memorial Hospital EMS, Jasper

**David J. Edwards Memorial Instructor of the Year**
Kraig Kinney, Putnam County Operation Life

**EMS for Children Award**
Katie Sutherland, Harrison County Hospital EMS

**The Otis R. Bowen, M.D. Heroic Rescue Award**
John Gebhard, Perry County Memorial Hospital EMS

**EMT-Basic of the Year**
Theodore J. Townsend, Sugar Creek Fire Department and Transcare Ambulance Service, Terre Haute

**EMT Basic-Advanced of the Year**
Robert Gelhausen, Harrison County Hospital EMS

**EMT Intermediate of the Year**
Phyllis Caskey, Harrison County Hospital EMS

**The Frank D. Gilbert, Jr. Memorial, Paramedic of the Year**
Don Seketa, Wishard Hospital Ambulance Service

**Medical Director of the Year**
Dr. Peter L. Stevenson, Medical Director for AMR Ambulance Service, Evansville
BLS Non-Transport Provider of the Year
Washington Fire Department, Washington

EMT Intermediate Provider of the Year
Spencer County Emergency Ambulance Service

Paramedic Provider of the Year
Wells County EMS

Indiana Ambulance Association’s Larry Meyer’s Award
Lutheran Critical Care Transport, Mark Pepple, Heather Pepple

2008 Ambulance Competition Winners

EMT Basic
First Place
Statewide Transfer Ambulance and Rescue
Ray Dotson and Tiffany Randall

Second Place
Knox County EMS
Jarod Siewers and Josh Able

EMT Basic Advanced
First Place
Parkview Huntington EMS
Jeff White, Brian Miller

Second Place
Statewide Transfer Ambulance and Rescue
Chad Haniford and John Powers

EMT Intermediate
First Place
Knox County EMS
Brian Ketterer and Matthew Livingston

Second Place
Harrison County Hospital Ems
Michael Caffrey and Joe Murcock

EMT Intermediate Provider of the Year
Spencer County Emergency Ambulance Service

Paramedic
First Place
Elkhart Fire Department
Grant Roberts and Vito Palumbo

Second Place
Franklin Township Fire Department
Mike Anderson and Rick Allgood

Third Place
Lutheran Air
Mark Pepple and Heather Pepple

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Parkview Huntington EMS
Mike Fishbaugh and Mark Dinius

For a description of the award, please go to www.in.gov/dhs/2341.htm.

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