

2008 AWARDS PRESENTATION CEREMONY

AWARD: PHOTOGRAPH OF THE YEAR

COMMENTS: This year's winning photograph shows EMS and fire personnel using a ladder to bring a patient down an embankment in a Stokes Basket. The patient was involved in a semi-tractor trailer versus bridge motor vehicle accident

**WINNER: Mary Norton,
Orland Community Volunteer Fire Department**

AWARD: AMBULANCE PROVIDER PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

COMMENTS: The purpose of this award is to recognize an organization for its efforts to educate the public about EMS including how to access emergency care, what services are available, and how you can keep yourself safe.

This provider organization is the only ambulance service in a rural Indiana county. Public relations activities include sponsoring first responder and CPR classes, providing stand-by service for high school athletic events, Relay for Life, local marathons, and community festivals.

This department sponsors a recognition program for people in the community involved is a CPR or AED "save." It also provides speakers and staffs booths at career events, for public and private organizations, and local safety programs.

The department is also active in disaster planning for the county, its Homeland Security District, and area industries.

WINNER: Memorial Hospital EMS, Jasper

AWARD: DAVID J. EDWARDS MEMORIAL INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR

(DIED - 1988)

COMMENTS: This award recognizes a Primary Instructor for contributions to EMS education, the general community, and the promotion of EMS awareness.

The 2008 David J. Edwards Memorial Instructor of the Year Award winner is a Paramedic who is not only a Primary Instructor but also an ambulance service administrator and a licensed attorney. He participates actively in audit and review sessions for both BLS and ALS and sits on the advisory board for a local vocational school. This past year he proctored 25 state EMS practical exams.

Our winner is active in his community and serves as president of his homeowner's association. He has presented many topics at past emergency response conferences but he is best known for his "mock trial" presentations.

The 2008 David J. Edwards Memorial Instructor of the Year is:

**WINNER: Kraig Kinney,
Putnam County Operation Life**

AWARD: EMS FOR CHILDREN AWARD

Comments: The purpose of this award is to provide recognition for those contributions, which are above and beyond the normal day to day experiences when dealing with pediatrics specifically and to a responder that has made the difference in the life of a child.

This year the EMS for Children's award is presented in recognition of activities which support EMS and safety awareness for pre-school and grade-school students. Our winner was responsible for establishing car seat fitting stations and volunteers to work at car seat inspection and installation activities. She holds an EMT Basic Advanced certification and also is a volunteer firefighter.

The 2008 EMS for Children Award recipient is:

**WINNER: Katie Sutherland,
Harrison County Hospital EMS**

AWARD: THE OTIS R. BOWEN, M.D. HEROIC RESCUE AWARD

COMMENTS: The Otis R. Bowen Heroic Rescue Award is given in recognition of an event that demonstrates a degree of courage and bravery while at the same time showing an understanding of the seriousness of the situation and the risks involved.

This year's heroic rescue involves a response to an early morning house fire with one person trapped in the structure. The on-call medic for the local ambulance service reported directly to the scene while his partner was responding in the ambulance. The trapped victim had been advised by dispatch to go to a basement window, knock out the glass, and crawl out. The victim replied that there was no way she would fit through the window opening. When our rescuer arrived on scene he found two individuals at the window holding onto the woman who had stuck her head out of the broken window. The woman was unresponsive, having been overcome by smoke. A heavy metal bar dividing the window panes had prevented her from exiting the window.

Our winner surveyed the scene and found a pair of bolt cutters. He cut the bar and pulled the woman to safety. He continued patient care while he and his partner transported the patient to the hospital. The patient became responsive and was flown from the local hospital to a facility with a hyperbaric chamber. She has since made a complete recovery.

The 2008 Otis R. Bowen Heroic rescue Award winner is:

**WINNER: John Gebhard,
Perry County Memorial Hospital EMS**

The following individual awards are given in recognition of contributions above and beyond the normal day to day experiences. Contributions to the EMS industry through dedication, service, and leadership and to the community through promotion of EMS awareness, education, and volunteer activities are considered in the selection of the recipients.

AWARD: EMT-BASIC of the YEAR

COMMENTS: Even though this year's winner has been certified for only a few years, he has developed a reputation for excellent patient assessment and BLS skills. He works well with ALS responders who have come to rely on the accuracy of patient condition reports he gives during ALS intercepts. He assists in training programs for EMTs and First Responders and serves as a preceptor for new EMT hires at his provider organization.

Our winner has gained the respect of coworkers and hospital emergency department personnel because of the quality of the patient care he delivers and his professional behavior. He is also a volunteer fire fighter and plays an active role in fire prevention education.

The 2008 EMT of the Year is:

**WINNER: Theodore J. Townsend
Sugar Creek Fire Department and Transcare Ambulance
Service, Terre Haute**

AWARD: EMT BASIC-ADVANCED of the YEAR

COMMENTS: Our Advanced-EMT of the year has been active in EMS and emergency response for seven years. He is employed by two ambulance services and also works as a pharmacy technician at a local pharmacy. Our winner is known for his quality patient care and his willingness to work extra shifts, even those less glamorous duties like stand-by activities and non-emergency transfers.

Our winner is said to be a well-rounded EMS professional who is highly dedicated, skilled, and holds great concern and regard for those he touches whether they be his patients, co-workers, or members of the community.

The 2008 EMT Basic-Advanced of the Year is:

**WINNER: Robert Gehlhausen,
Harrison County Hospital EMS**

AWARD: EMT INTERMEDIATE of the YEAR

This year's EMT-Intermediate of the year has been employed by her provider organization for nine years. She was a volunteer fire fighter and is currently certified as a BLS instructor for the American Heart Association. She is also active in Girl Scouts of America, Ride for the Wall, and juvenile diabetes education.

Our winner is known for her sense of humor, kind heart, and good patient care.

The 2008 EMT Intermediate of the year is:

**WINNER: Phyllis Caskey,
Harrison County Hospital EMS**

AWARD: THE FRANK D. GILBERT, JR. MEMORIAL, PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR

(Frank died May 29, 1997)

COMMENTS: The Paramedic of the Year Award winner is said to be dedicated, educated, and compassionate. He has worked in some of the roughest neighborhoods in his city under all conditions yet he has remained cool as ice under pressure while giving warmth and compassion to his patients. He has been a volunteer EMT, a street medic, and a paramedic preceptor. He is currently a tactical medic for the Indianapolis Metro SWAT Team.

The 2008 Paramedic of the Year is:

**WINNER: Don Seketa,
Wishard Hospital Ambulance Service**

AWARD: MEDICAL DIRECTOR of the YEAR

THE EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR of the YEAR is recognized for contributions to the advancement of patient care protocols, leadership in promoting the importance of pre-hospital care, and for exhibiting an attitude of professionalism in the relationships between provider affiliations, EMS personnel, other members of the medical community, and the public.

COMMENTS: Our Medical Director of the Year takes an active role in audit session by conducting audits twice a month. He also conducts field audits and rides with ambulance crews in route to the hospital. He is known to be

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“approachable” and is described as a “father figure” by the ambulance service personnel. He plays an important role in the education of his EMS affiliates and also serves as medical director for EMS training programs. He maintains close contact with the provider organization’s quality improvement manager and is directly involved in the development of patient care protocols.

Every year this medical director conducts an audit session at his home where he cooks and serves a meal to the provider organization’s employees and their families.

The 2008 winner of the EMS Medical Director of the Year is:

**WINNER: Dr. Peter L. Stevenson,
Medical Director for AMR Ambulance Service, Evansville**

NO nominations were received for Dispatcher of the Year. *What a shame.*

The EMS Provider awards are given in recognition of providers which provide for and promote professional growth opportunities for their employees in addition to promoting EMS awareness throughout their community. These organizations serve the community through volunteer efforts, participate in disaster planning, and work in harmony with the medical community

AWARD: BLS NON-TRANSPORT PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

COMMENTS: Our winning organization has a very active training and in-service programs in both the EMS and fire fields. This department works closely with both the local hospital and local ambulance service to ensure skill proficiency and to allow the members of both agencies to develop a good working relationship.

This department is proactive in the community, offering first aid coverage at events such as the Fourth of July Fireworks, fishing tournaments for both adults and youth, and the local annual car show. The department offers a Kid’s Combat Challenge to promote rescue service by allowing children to use the tools of the trade.

This department is active in the community LEPC and in the Homeland Security District Planning Council and maintains a strong relationship with the local ambulance provider.

The 2008 BLS Non-Transport Provider of the Year is:

**WINNER: Washington Fire Department,
Washington**

AWARD: EMT INTERMEDIATE PROVIDER of the YEAR

This Year's winner reimburses its employees for the expense of in-service training and covers all costs for its staff members for EMT Intermediate courses. The department is also an ACLS Training Institution. Department personnel are very active in local emergency management activities and participate in the Homeland Security District Planning Council and Task Force.

The organization provides CPR training to local fire, police, EMS, and county employees at no cost. They also assist with CPR training at local schools. In the past year this department has trained 618 people in CPR and has made 122 mutual aid responses. They provide stand-by service for 9 county fire departments. As a private, not for profit service in a county that has no hospital, this department is very proactive in community service, disaster planning, and cooperation with all county fire departments to ensure quality EMS response to its citizens.

The 2008 Intermediate provider of the year is:

WINNER: Spencer County Emergency Ambulance Service.

AWARD: PARAMEDIC PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

COMMENTS: The Paramedic Provider of the Year offers many benefits to its employees including a retirement program for both full-time and part-time staff, health insurance, Aflac, and vision care insurance, and high-volume bonus checks. All members are trained to the NIMS 400 level and receive reimbursement for other training programs they attend. Paramedics are trained in ACLS, BTLs or PHTLS, PALS or PEPP, CPR, and CEVO. All employees have received American Heart Association Stroke training and over half of the medics have been trained as Critical Care Paramedics.

The organization sponsors basic first aid training at the local high school as well as training in CPR and AED. It is currently developing a program to teach CPR to anyone sentenced to community service through the county corrections program. Other community involvement includes sponsoring a golf outing as a fund raiser for AEDs for local businesses, police, and fire departments, First Responder training for firefighters, and sponsoring a Bike rodeo to educate children in bicycle safety.

This organization is a Private Not-for Profit Corporation that contracts with the county and is funded through proceeds from the sale of the county hospital. It is a growing department that has added one ambulance station, two ambulance vehicles, and nine full-time paramedics in the past eight years.

The 2008 Paramedic Provider of the Year is:

WINNER: Wells County EMS

No nominations were received for Basic EMT Provider of the Year or Basic Advanced Provider of the Year.

Indiana Ambulance Association's LARRY MEYER'S AWARD:

**Winners: Lutheran Critical Care Transport
Mark Pepple
Heather Pepple**

AMBULANCE COMPETITION WINNERS

EMT BASIC

SECOND PLACE: KNOX COUNTY EMS
JAROD SIEWERS
JOSH ABLE

FIRST PLACE: STATEWIDE TRANSFER AMBULANCE and RESCUE
RAY DOTSON
TIFFANY RANDALL

EMT BASIC-ADVANCED

THIRD PLACE: PARKVIEW HUNTINGTON EMS
MIKE FISHBAUGH
MARK DINIUS

SECOND PLACE: STATEWIDE TRANSFER AMBULANCE and RESCUE
CHAD HANIFORD
JOHN POWERS

FIRST PLACE: PARKVIEW HUNTINGTON EMS
JEFF WHITE
BRIAN MILLER

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EMT-INTERMEDIATE

SECOND PLACE: HARRISON COUNTY HOSPITAL EMS
MICHAEL CAFFREY
JOE MURCOCK

FIRST PLACE: KNOX COUNTY EMS
BRIAN KETTERER
MATTHEW LIVINGSTON

PARAMEDIC

THIRD PLACE: LUTHERAN AIR
MARK PEPPLE
HEATHER PEPPLE

SECOND PLACE: FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT
MIKE ANDERSON
RICK ALLGOOD

FIRST PLACE: ELKHART FIRE DEPARTMENT
GRANT ROBERTS
VITO PALUMBO