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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HONORS RECIPIENTS OF 2015 EXCELLENCE
IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AWARDS**



TALLAHASSEE—The Florida Department of Health’s Emergency Medical Services (EMS) section is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2015 Excellence in EMS Awards. For 25 years, the EMS section has honored outstanding Florida EMS organizations and individuals who make a positive impact on local EMS throughout the state.

“I am pleased to recognize the efforts of Florida’s EMS professionals who work tirelessly to save lives every day through state-of-the-art pre-hospital care,” said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. “Congratulations to the statewide EMS award recipients for demonstrating service excellence and teamwork in their communities.”

The 2015 statewide EMS awards are sponsored by the Emergency Medicine Learning and Resource Center (EMLRC), an Orlando-based learning consortium. Awards will be presented this evening in Orlando in conjunction with State EMS Advisory Council meetings and the EMLRC’s 41st Annual Clinical Conference on Emergency Medical Services. The following is a list of the 2015 award recipients.

EMS Provider of the Year: Brevard County Fire Rescue

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) of the Year: Tsambika (Sam) Aysh, Sunstar Paramedics

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Paramedic of the Year: *David Torsell, Alachua County Fire Rescue*

EMS Nurse of the Year: *Sara Webb, Sunstar Paramedics*

Larry S. Jordan EMS Hall of Fame: *Cory Richter, Indian River Fire Rescue*

Marilyn Crook EMS Pioneer: *Daniel McNeil, Sunrise Fire Rescue Department*

Friend to EMS: *Rick Leary, County Administrator, Putnam County*

Raymond H. Alexander, MD, EMS Medical Director of the Year: *J. Bracken Burns, Jr., D.O., Medical Director for TraumaOne Flight Services at UF Health Jacksonville*

911 Public Safety Telecommunicator of the Year: *Jeanne Shadaram, Lee County PST*

EMS Educator of the Year: *David Schmitt, Health First Training Center*

Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC): *Rosanne Conliffe, Shands at UF*

Video of the Year: *Sunstar Paramedics*

Photo of the Year: *Lifeguard Ambulance*

For more information about the Excellence in Emergency Medical Services award program, please visit www.EMLRC.org.

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