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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HONORS RECIPIENTS OF 2016 EXCELLENCE IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AWARDS



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**Tallahassee, Fla.**—The Florida Department of Health is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2016 Excellence in EMS Awards. The department has recognized exceptional individuals and organizations in Florida’s EMS system for 26 years. The 2016 statewide EMS awards are sponsored by the Emergency Medicine Learning and Resource Center (EMLRC).

“Congratulations to the statewide EMS award recipients for their dedication to providing daily lifesaving services,” said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. Celeste Philip. “I am honored to recognize the efforts of the men and women who make Florida’s communities safer and improve the EMS system.”

The following is a list of the 2016 award recipients.

**EMS Provider of the Year:** Nature Coast EMS

**Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) of the Year:** Ryan Allen, Orange County Fire Rescue

**Paramedic of the Year:** Allison Hall, Leon County EMS

**EMS Nurse of the Year:** Margie Hobbs, RN, West Florida Hospital

**Larry S. Jordan EMS Hall of Fame:** Daniel J. Griffin, Florida Association of EMS Educators

**Marilyn Crook EMS Pioneer:** Shari Hall, Marion County Fire Rescue

**Raymond H. Alexander, MD, EMS Medical Director of the Year:** Mary Anne Kolar, DO, Nature Coast EMS

**911 Public Safety Telecommunicator of the Year:** Michael Kelly, Citrus County Sheriff’s Office

**EMS Educator of the Year:** Todd Soard, Emergency Educational Institute, Inc.

**Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC):** Laurie Whidden, RN, ShandsCair

**EMS Injury Prevention:** Joshua Hoover, Sunstar Paramedics

**EMS Disaster Preparedness and Response Award:** David C. Mixson, Deputy Fire Chief,  
Largo Fire Rescue

**Video of the Year:** West Florida Hospital

**Photo of the Year:** Johns Hopkins All Children's Lifeline

Awards will be presented on July 13, 2016 at the DoubleTree by Hilton at Universal in Orlando in conjunction with the State EMS Advisory Council meetings and the EMLRC's 42nd Annual Clinical Conference on Emergency Medical Services (ClinCon).

For more information about the Excellence in Emergency Medical Services award program, please visit [www.EMLRC.org](http://www.EMLRC.org).

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