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Governor's Annual Emergency Medical Service Awards Ceremony Announced

The Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services (ACEMS) will be presenting the Governor's Annual Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Awards on Friday, November 17, at noon in the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage, during the Southern EMS Region Symposium. Department of Health Commissioner, Heidi Hedberg and Governor Mike Dunleavy's Deputy Chief of Staff, Rachel Bylsma, will present this year's awards.

The Governor's Annual EMS Awards are the highest level of award in the state of Alaska for EMS. There will be six awards presented including:

- **Consumer/Citizen Award** to a person who, not in the regular line of duty, performs lifesaving, limb-saving, or medical techniques in a medical emergency. Shows quick-thinking, common sense, and initiative to save a life or reduce injury.
- **EMS Provider Award** to a medically trained person who performs meritorious service above and beyond expectations of the job.
- **EMS Administrator Award** to any person who successfully develops a new approach, technique, device, etc., to improve EMS in Alaska, and/or for an outstanding administrator in an EMS agency or service.
- **Longenbaugh Memorial Award** to a physician who exemplifies leadership and dedication to EMS systems and, through his or her efforts, has significantly promoted the Alaska EMS system.
- **EMS Educator of the Year** to a State certified ETT or EMT Instructor, who is dedicated to quality instruction and promoting the best in prehospital care or has made an outstanding contribution to EMS education.
- **Outstanding Ambulance Service Award** to an ambulance service that exemplifies in some way the outstanding service that all our ambulance organizations and rescue squads provide to Alaska.
- **Special Awards and Commendations**

Any members of the media wishing to attend should contact Mike Forcier by Tuesday, November 15 at 5:00 p.m. at 907-562-6449 or mforcier@sremsc.org. All registered media should be situated in the

area designated for media and cameras no later than 11:45 a.m. After the presentation Commissioner Hedberg, Deputy Chief of Staff Bylsma, and the awardees will be available for interviews.

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