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Second Annual
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Stars of Life Recognition Program

February 8, 2007

On behalf of the Professional Ambulance Association of Wisconsin, we honor and recognize the outstanding contribution you have made to the emergency field and the Wisconsin communities you serve.
Mark Fredrickson, PAAW President



**Dan Calhoun, EMT-Intermediate
Mount Horeb, Wisconsin
Ryan Brothers Ambulance**

Dan is a reliable and dependable staff member that exemplifies the customer service values of Ryan Brothers. A six year employee, he is a positive role model that leads by example. Dan has a professional yet subtle style that is a reflection of his personality. In addition to his full-time employment at Ryan Brothers, he volunteers for Mount Horeb EMS.



**Tom Carpenter, Paramedic
LaCrosse, Wisconsin
Tri-State Ambulance**

Tom Carpenter (Carp) is being recognized for dedication and commitment, high standards and tenure. Carp is a paramedic and coordinates the TREX Team, which is a high angle rescue team. Carp was the founding father of a Bicycle Team that offers medical support during high-population-density special events. Responding in teams of two, the paramedics are able to access patients of crowded and sometimes challenging, environments. Carp is also the lead singer and guitarist in a rock band called Tunnel Vision.



**Virginia M. Wallace, Paramedic
Menasha, Wisconsin
Gold Cross Ambulance Service**

Virginia is being honored for upholding the vision of being the BEST in EMS. Ginny is a seventeen year veteran with Gold Cross and carries a passion for EMS that is envied by her peers. Ginny was the 1995 recipient of the Gold Cross Part Time Ambassador of the Year Award. She is a very active member of the Wisconsin EMS Honor Guard, currently filling the position of Secretary for the organization. Recently, Ginny has been chosen as a “Super Trainer” for an international CPR study. Ginny totally enjoys the outdoors and is a kick boxer. She also enjoys making crafts and decorating cakes.



**Andrew J. Werth, Paramedic
Clintonville, Wisconsin
Brillion Ambulance Service**

Andrew is being honored with this award for his commitment to EMS. Andrew got his “feet wet” in EMS in 1996 as a first responder with the Embarrass First Responder group. In 1999 he joined Brillion Ambulance Service and became a paramedic in 2001. Andrew works for both the Brillion and Clintonville Ambulance services. Andrew has previously received two awards; a life saving commendation from Clintonville Ambulance Service for the successful rescue/resuscitation of a patient in a submerged vehicle that went through the ice, and the 2003 Clintonville Ambulance Service EMT of the Year Award. Andrew enjoys coin collecting, four wheeling, and antique John Deere tractors.



**Timothy J. Rodgers, Paramedic
Berlin, Wisconsin
Gold Cross Ambulance Service**

Timothy is being honored for his loyalty and dedication to EMS. His career in EMS began in 1994 when a neighbor's child was struck by a car and Tim was on the scene. Shortly after, Tim enrolled in an EMT course and graduated in 1995. He became a paramedic in 2000 and is a Field Training Medic. Tim is active with the newly formed Wisconsin EMS Honor Guard. Tim strives toward being the best clinician he can be and always puts his patients well being first. He is a leader in his field and has the respect of his co-workers, nurses, and physicians he works with on a daily basis.



Class of 2006

- John Arnoldussen, Gold Cross Ambulance**
- Jean Hanson, Orange Cross Ambulance**
- Edward K. Hespe, Paratech Ambulance**
- Adam Johnson, Gold Cross/Mayo Medical Transport**
- Terry L. Jones, Paratech Ambulance**
- Brad Keseluk, Gold Cross/Mayo Medical Transport**
- Erin Liljenberg, North Memorial Ambulance**
- Jason Sebens, North Memorial Ambulance**
- Mike Vanderperren, Gold Cross Ambulance**



**Robert W. Egerer, Paramedic
Menasha, Wisconsin
N.E.W. Para-Medic Rescue, Inc.**

Robert is being honored for his professionalism, compassion and dedication towards EMS and the community he serves. Robert has been in EMS 10 years, and in 1999 he joined Gold Cross Ambulance – Fox Valley. He currently works in a “single” paramedic system for N.E.W. Para-Medic Rescue, a service managed by Gold Cross. An EMS leader, Robert joined the recently formed Wisconsin EMS Honor Guard and volunteers many hours in helping the organization. He is a leader, mentor, and has a sense of calmness to him that gives him the ability to control hectic and chaotic situations. Robert respects his profession and has made a quiet difference in the lives of his patients and co-workers, never looking for credit.



**Adam C. Fritsch, Paramedic
Lakewood, Wisconsin
Paratech Ambulance Service, Inc.**

Adam is being recognized for his outstanding service as a paramedic and as a Community Training Instructor. Adam has been an EMT for 3 years and a paramedic for one year. In addition to his role at Paratech, he volunteers for several local communities. Adam is compassionate, caring and serves as an active advocate for all his patients. He was recently recognized for his outstanding performance at a motor vehicle rollover, in which the patient was ejected and had traumatic life threatening injuries. In his limited spare time, Adam enjoys venturing back to Northeastern Wisconsin, and spending time with his family. He is pursuing a nursing degree.



Jeff Grimm, Critical Care Flight Nurse
Weyauwega, Wisconsin
ThedaStar Air Medical

Jeff is a flight nurse and paramedic who has been with ThedaStar Air Medical since 1997. He also works part time as a paramedic for New London Family Medical Center EMS. Jeff also volunteers his time as an appointed member of the State Trauma Advisory Committee Executive Council and is an active member of the Fox Valley Regional Trauma Advisory Committee. He is being honored for his dedication to the development and implementation of the State Trauma Plan and the designation and classification for trauma care facilities in the state of Wisconsin. Jeff is the first person to volunteer to help with department projects or to provide outreach education to other EMS services. His wife Trisha and son Brayden occupy his free time. He occasionally is able to get away to enjoy his other passions of NASCAR, music and bicycling.



Frederick T. Hornby II, Deputy
Director of Operations
Racine, Wisconsin
Bell Ambulance

Fred is being recognized for being instrumental in transitioning EMT-Basics to become paramedics. Fred is a passionate educator that helps many students work through and understand their problems and frustrations, transitioning them into competent providers. Many prospective paramedic students hope to be in Fred's class because they know that the education they receive will be second to none. As a manager, Fred balances sternness and compassion with employees, and takes a great deal of personal pride in the success of Bell. Fred has been married for 17 years. He has 4 children aged, 5, 7, 10, and 14 years.

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David Rhode, Paramedic
Madison, Wisconsin
Deer-Grove EMS

David has been in EMS his entire adult life. He served as a dedicated EMT volunteer and full time paramedic in several rural communities. David completed a degree in education and continued on to earn his MSED. He continues to contribute his teaching expertise daily in the field of EMS. David puts his outstanding 11 years of EMT teaching and field experience to use as a full time paramedic and Deputy Chief at Deer-Grove EMS. He is a ski patrol instructor, and an active advocate for the education and prevention of HIV/AIDS. He educates the public on the necessity for growth of EMS in Wisconsin.



Jeffrey T. Riddle, Paramedic
Burlington, Wisconsin
Paratech Ambulance Service, Inc.

Jeff is being recognized for his dedication to EMS and the patients he cares for. The Town of Delavan Police Department and a patient he cared for recently recognized him for outstanding service. He responded for a vehicle roll over, in which the patient was ejected and lying in a ditch. Law enforcement had already considered the accident a fatal crash. The patient sought out Jeff, who was instrumental in saving her life. Jeff is committed to playing a leadership role and insists that quality patient care is provided every time. He has been a paramedic for 8 years. He teaches CPR and ACLS. Recently, Jeff and his wife opened an advertising and printing business. Jeff enjoys fishing in his limited spare time.



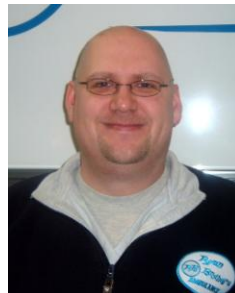
Yolanda L. Nation, EMT
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Bell Ambulance, Inc.

Yolanda has been recognized as a leader among Field Training Officers. She has provided high quality client care for Bell Ambulance, Inc. for over five years. Yolanda is a role model for compassion and professionalism. She does an excellent job balancing the expectations of her position as Field Training Officer with the patience and understanding needed to mentor our newer crew members.



Brett Pilling, EMT-Intermediate
Plymouth, Wisconsin
Plymouth Ambulance Service

Brett is being honored for 12 years of dedication, professionalism, and patient care advocacy. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors, worked as a Crew Chief, and is currently active as an EMT – Intermediate Technician. He demands professionalism from his co-workers. While serving as a Crew Chief, Brett was instrumental in organizing several training sessions with local law enforcement agencies and EMS. Brett also works as a dispatcher for Sheboygan County and was the main dispatcher working on October 11, 2002 when Sheboygan County was faced with the deadliest accident that Wisconsin has ever seen. He was able to remain calm throughout the ordeal while helping to organize the multiple requests from everyone on scene. Brett also helps to bridge the gap between law enforcement and EMS by working as a liaison between both agencies.



Don Iggulden, EMT-Intermediate
Sun Prairie, Wisconsin
Ryan Brothers Ambulance Service

In addition to being an EMT-Intermediate Technician, Don oversees the maintenance of the Ryan Brothers ambulance fleet. He takes personal pride in his work and treats Ryan vehicles as if they were his own. Don has been an employee for 7 years, and maintains a commitment to excellence that is obvious to staff and the public. Originally from Windsor, Ontario, Don assisted at Ryan Brothers as a “volunteer” while waiting for his US work permit. Don is an excellent example of what Ryan Brothers Ambulance envisions as its Star of Life.



Mike Jerving, Paramedic
Sheboygan, Wisconsin
Orange Cross Ambulance

Mike consistently delivers a high standard of patient care. He also possesses a high level of commitment to achieving patient satisfaction. His calm demeanor provides comfort and peace to patients. He is a team player, helping to accomplish common goals while earning the respect of his peers. Mike’s positive outlook is infectious throughout the EMS community and his “can-do” attitude inspires all. Mike began his EMS career with Orange Cross in 1979. He also volunteers as an integral team member of the Wisconsin EMS Honor Guard. Mike enjoys a good (or bad) round of golf any time of the year, and cherishes fine dining with Sue, his wife of 35 years.



**Linda Jorgensen, EMT
Danbury, Wisconsin
North Memorial Ambulance**

Linda is being recognized for the profound dedication and self-sacrificing work ethic she brings to emergency medical services in Burnett County. Linda has amassed over 110,000 hours of “on-call” time since joining North Memorial in 1989 - all to ensure the Danbury ambulance remains in-service and ready to respond at a moment’s notice. Linda has accumulated more “on-call” hours than any North Memorial ambulance personnel in a system that has over 650 employees. Working as an EMT for 32 years and functioning as the Station Coordinator for most of those years, Linda’s compassionate care and vast experience has gained the respect of her peers and the community. Linda has demonstrated a lifetime of loyalty and community service and is a model for the new EMTs that join the service.



**Kent Katalinick, Paramedic
Chilton, Wisconsin
Calumet Medical Center Ambulance**

Kent is being honored primarily for his dedication to Calumet County. While a paramedic, he also functions as the ambulance service liaison for all the first responder agencies in our service area, providing them with guidance and training as it relates to EMS. Kent exceeds what is expected by responding to emergency calls with a back up unit, providing needed standby coverage at special events and in some cases, when he is off on scheduled vacation time. He also provided training and guidance to the local scouting organization on several community projects. During a staffing hardship two years ago, he worked up to 72 consecutive hours.



**Mark Manning, Paramedic
Birchwood, Wisconsin
North Memorial Ambulance**

Mark is being recognized for his leadership, professionalism and unwavering commitment to those he serves on a daily basis. Mark is gifted in being able to share his skills and experience with his EMT partners in a confident and non-threatening manner that has gained him the respect and appreciation of his peers. Mark has worked in EMS for over 14 years, 11 of those years as a paramedic. He is always willing to serve in any capacity. Currently he serves as FTO, Preceptor, Quality Assurance Coordinator, Peer Review Coordinator and Educator. He played a key role in North Memorial’s transition to ALS in March of 2006. His unselfish efforts and assistance through a potentially difficult change helped pave the way for a smooth transition.



**George Miller, Director of Flight Operations
Appleton, Wisconsin
County Rescue Services / Eagle III**

George had an extensive and successful flying career which included many years of safely transporting critical patients under difficult conditions. He has been a helicopter pilot since 1967 and has flown for two of the air medical programs in Wisconsin. In January 2004 George led an extensive search and rescue of two snowmobilers who had broken through the ice and were stranded in open water on the Bay of Green Bay. He manipulated the helicopter that he was piloting in 40 knot winds and blowing snow to manage a successful rescue. George received the Coast Guard’s Distinguished Public Service Award for his skill and outstanding initiative in this rescue effort.