



# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## **Emergency Medical Services**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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## **Ohio Division of EMS, EMFTS Board and the Ohio ACEP Host 16th Annual Star of Life Awards**

*Ceremony highlights dedication and service of EMS providers during National EMS Week*

### **WHAT:**

The Ohio Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS) and the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP) will join forces and host the **16th Annual EMS Star of Life Awards** ceremony in observance of National Emergency Medical Services Week (May 15-21).

### **WHO:**

Department of Public Safety Director, John Born  
Division of Emergency Medical Services Executive Director, Mel House  
State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services, Deanna Harris  
Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, Dr. Thomas Tallman  
EMS providers representing various agencies in Ohio

### **WHERE:**

The Ohio Department of Transportation Auditorium  
1980 W. Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43223

### **WHEN:**

Wednesday, May 18, 1:00 p.m.

### **WHY:**

Each day in Ohio, EMS providers save lives and perform countless acts of caring, kindness and service to their community. These awards are a tribute to those individuals and organizations whose overall contributions go beyond their basic duties and responsibilities and represent the finest traditions of their profession.

The theme "**EMS STRONG: Called to Care...**" exemplifies the commitment and dedication of the 750,000 EMS providers nationwide, and the more than 34,000 in Ohio, who provide an essential community service every day.

For a recap of ceremony coverage, visit [www.ems.ohio.gov](http://www.ems.ohio.gov).

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EMS Star of Life Awards recipients are:

**EMS Stars**

Akron Fire Department  
Damascus Fire Department  
North Olmsted Fire Department  
Plymouth Fire Department  
Ravenna City Fire Department  
Troy Fire Department  
Washington Township Fire Department

EMS Provider of the Year

Debra Willis, Paramedic, Jackson County EMS

EMS Medical Director of the Year

Robert Lowe, MD FACEP, Ohio Health Doctor's Hospital Systems

EMS Agency of the Year

University of Dayton Emergency Medical Services

Frank Giampetro Distinguished EMS Educator Award

Donald Zimmerman, Paramedic, Mentor Fire Department

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***The Ohio Department of Public Safety**, through the Division of EMS, oversees the certification of emergency medical technicians and firefighters and ensures that the professionals in these lifesaving roles are properly trained, educated and prepared for emergency situations.*

***Ohio ACEP** promotes quality emergency medical care and represents the interests of Ohio's Emergency Physicians. Since its charter in 1972, Ohio ACEP has been at the forefront of advancing the profession of emergency medicine in Ohio.*