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Division of EMS Seeking Nominations for 16th Annual Star of Life Awards

Submissions will be accepted until March 18

(COLUMBUS) – The Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS, the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services and the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians (Ohio ACEP) take great pleasure in presenting the *16th Annual EMS Star of Life Awards*.

The Division of EMS is now accepting nominations in the following categories:

- EMS Stars
- EMS Provider of the Year
- EMS Agency of the Year
- EMS Medical Director of the Year
- Frank Giampetro Distinguished EMS Educator Award

“Each day in Ohio, EMS providers save lives and perform countless noteworthy acts of caring and service to their community,” said Ohio EMS Executive Director Mel House. “These awards recognize outstanding achievements and honor those in Ohio’s EMS system whose accomplishments rise above the day-to-day excellence of that system.”

Nomination packets including eligibility criteria and nomination instructions are available at www.ems.ohio.gov. The deadline for nomination submissions is **March 18, 2016**.

The ceremony will take place on May 18th to coincide with National Emergency Medical Services Week (May 15-21).

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The Division of Emergency Medical Services in conjunction with the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services and the Firefighter and Fire Safety Inspector Training Committee, establishes training and certification standards for fire and EMS personnel; accreditation of EMS and fire training programs; oversight of Ohio's trauma system and the EMS grant program; EMS for Children program coordination; licensing of Ohio's medical transportation services; coordination of the Regional Physician Advisory Boards; collection and analysis of data submitted to the EMS Incident Reporting System and the Ohio Trauma Registry; and investigations to ensure compliance with Revised and Administrative Codes.