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EMS Colleagues,

While the entirety of EMS Week is intended to honor EMS professionals across the State of Maine and the country, today is arguably one of the most important days of the entire week – EMS Recognition Day. Today is intended to honor members of the EMS community and beyond for their time, dedication, and support for the EMS system. It’s a day to honor those EMS clinicians and partners for their unwavering commitment to serving their communities. It is also a day to remember those who have died in the line of duty and those who have died from suicide secondary to the stressors associated with this profession. Yesterday, Maine EMS was honored to participate in a ceremony at the Maine EMS Memorial and Education Site on the capitol grounds, where members of the EMS community, Legislators, and supporters gathered to honor those who were lost in the line of duty.

That said, it is equally important to recognize individuals and entities throughout the State of Maine that go above and beyond what is expected to meet the needs of the residents and visitors of the state. The Board of EMS has identified five award categories to recognize the accomplishments and dedication of EMS clinicians and partners throughout the state.

The *Governor’s Award* is conferred for exceptional contribution to the EMS system at the state, national, and/or system-wide levels. Recipients have demonstrated involvement and contribution to multiple areas of EMS activity (e.g., system development, education, administration, public education, quality/process improvement, etc.).

This year, the Maine EMS Board nominated two individuals that were advanced to Governor Mills to be considered for this award. The Governor, in agreement with the Board, has decided to bestow the Maine EMS Governor’s Award on the following:

Dr. Norman Dinerman

Thomas Judge

The *EMS Excellence Award* is conferred for contribution to the EMS system at the regional and/or state level. Recipients have demonstrated involvement and significant contribution in one or more areas of EMS activity (e.g., system development, education, administration, public education, quality/process improvement, etc.).

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- **Support**
- **Collaboration**
- **Integrity**
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This year, the Maine EMS Board would like to recognize and award the following individuals with the EMS Excellence Award:

Alberta Broomhall

Philip Greg Hodge

Andrea McGraw

The *Lifetime Achievement Award* is conferred for extensive involvement with EMS in Maine for at least ten years, consistently performing above and beyond expectations in system development, patient care, service involvement, and/or community involvement.

This year, the Maine EMS Board would like to recognize and award the following individuals with the Lifetime Achievement Award:

Rodney Koehn

Thomas Doak

Barbara Drake

Daniel H. Raymond (*posthumous*)

Karen Vickerson

The *EMS Merit Award* is conferred for contributions to the EMS system at the local and/or regional level. Recipients have demonstrated involvement and contribution in one or more areas of EMS activities (e.g., system development, education, administration, patient care, service involvement, public education, quality/process improvement, etc.).

This year, the Maine EMS Board would like to recognize and award the following individuals with the EMS Merit Award:

Nicholas Bryant

Angela Buck

Ross Gagne

Aiden Koplovsky

Dawn McAllister

Robert McGraw

Robert Mertz

Based on the nominations received this year, the Maine EMS Board is also introducing a new award, the *EMS Community Partner Award*. This award is conferred to a non-EMS organization or individual that has demonstrated excellence, support, collaboration, and integrity with the EMS system in Maine. The recipient of this award has significantly impacted the EMS system by providing resources, education, advocacy, and/or partnership that enhance the quality and safety of prehospital care in Maine.

This year, the Maine EMS Board is awarding the inaugural EMS Community Partner Award to:

Lisbon School Department

Maine EMS and the Board are excited to celebrate and honor these awardees and every EMS professional and partner working in the State of Maine. Maine EMS and the Board, in collaboration with regional coordinators, will host regional award ceremonies to present the awards where the recipients, their families, friends, colleagues, locally elected officials, and community members can attend to join us in celebrating these incredible awardees. Those award ceremonies are scheduled for the last week in June at the following locations:

Region One (Southern Maine):

June 28, 2023, at 5 PM

York County EMA
149 Jordan Springs Road, Alfred, Maine 04002

Honoring: Dawn McAllister and Robert Mertz

Region Two (Tri-County):

June 28, 2023, at 1 PM

Boofy Quimby Field
96 Howes Corner Road, Turner, Maine 04282

Honoring: Alberta Broomhall, Ross Gagne, Thomas Doak, and Lisbon School Department

Region Three (Kennebec Valley):

June 28, 2023, at 9:30 AM

Maine EMS Office Fallen Heroes Conference Room
45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330

Honoring: Barbara Drake and Rodney Koehn

Region Four (Northeast):

June 27, 2023, at 5:30 PM

Cole Land Transportation Museum
405 Perry Road, Bangor, Maine 04401

Honoring: Dr. Norman Dinerman, Philip Greg Hodge, Thomas Judge, Aiden Koplovsky, Andrea McGraw, Robert McGraw, and Karen Vickerson

Region Five (Aroostook):

June 27, 2023, at noon (12 PM)

Caribou Fire Department
121 High Street, Caribou, Maine 04736

Honoring: Angela Buck and the late Daniel Raymond

Region Six (Mid-Coast):

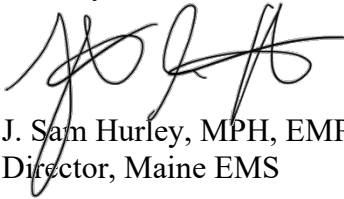
June 29, 2023, at noon (12 PM)

Central Lincoln County Ambulance
29 Piper Mill Road, Damariscotta, Maine 04543

Honoring: Nicholas Bryant

Thank you for your continued service to the residents and visitors to the State of Maine. We wish you all a Happy EMS Week and a wonderful holiday weekend.

Thank you,



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