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Six EMS professionals to be Honored at State Capitol as Stars of Life

Five paramedics and one emergency medical technician employed by Hall Ambulance Service, Inc. will be honored at the State Capitol on March 4-6, 2008, where they will be recognized as Stars of Life. The majority are being honored for their response to the Mojave Spaceport explosion last summer. The event, sponsored by the California Ambulance Association recognizes the selfless work of the state's private ambulance providers who assess, treat and transport 3 million California citizens per year.

For every patient transported by Hall Ambulance, a quality survey provided to rate the care and service provided. Aside from the specialized training and advanced life support care a paramedic can provide, customer comments frequently focus on the care and compassion extended by the crew to their patient. The President's Award is presented to the paramedic or EMT who receives the highest number of positive patient feedback compliments. This year's recipient is Paramedic Heather Taylor, who is revered for her confident, yet friendly demeanor she exhibits with each of her patients.

It is common knowledge that a paramedic is only as good as the training they receive and their ability to put their skills to work on a frequent basis. Paramedic Sam Swanson, has been instrumental in providing on-going education for the Company's paramedics and EMTs. Additionally, he has played a supportive role in fostering new recruits through Hall Ambulance's EMT Academy. Swanson's peers agree that he is one of the most flexible and dedicated EMS professionals the Company has. This dedication led to Swanson being named Hall Ambulance's Paramedic of the Year.

The remaining individuals being honored are four Hall Ambulance employees who responded to last summer's explosion at the Mojave Spaceport. Under the direction of Relief Paramedic Field Supervisor Sean Eddy, Paramedics Brent Wible, and Tim Reynolds and EMT Michael Knutson are to be commended for the ability to respond to a horrific scene and remain calm and collected as they managed patient care. The incident, which resulted in two fatalities and four patients with critical injuries garnered international media attention. They worked cooperatively to assess and stabilize the victims before their transport via medevac helicopters to the regional trauma center. Their coordinated efforts are an example of the important role Hall Ambulance Service plays during a large-scale incident as health care's first responder.

The outstanding efforts of these six individuals are indicative of all the paramedics and EMTs who work for the Company. Their dedication to their profession and the compassion they extend to their patient is symbolic of the standard of care Hall Ambulance is known for.

During this two-day event, the program will feature a luncheon at the State Capitol and a presentation ceremony to honor the "Stars". There will also be individual meetings with members of the State Senate and Assembly, where the Stars will deliver important information to their elected officials on the value private ambulance services provide to California as health care's first responders.