DEPARTMENT: HEALTH

BY: C. B. MOSHER, MD, MPH, H.O.
PHONE: 966-3689

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Recommend resolution recognizing Emergency Medical Service personnel for outstanding professional performance during the previous year.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board of Supervisors has, on previous years, recognized outstanding Emergency Medical Services personal in Mariposa County.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

N/A

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (X) No  Current FY Cost: $  
Budgeted in Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded
Amount in Budget: $  
Additional Funding Needed: $  
Source:
Internal Transfer
Unanticipated Revenue
Transfer Between Funds
Contingency
  ( ) General  ( ) Other

List Attachments, number pages consecutively
Memo Attached

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: ( ) 329  Ord. No. ______
Vote - Ayes: 5  Noes: ______  
Absent: ______
Approved
( ) Minute Order Attached  ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date:
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: ____________________________
Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
Requested Action Recommended  
No Opinion
Comments:

CAO: ____________________________

Revised Dec. 2002
July 22, 2008

TO: Members, Board of Supervisors

FROM: Charles B. Mosher, MD, MPH, Health Officer

SUBJECT: Recognition of Outstanding Emergency Medical Service Personnel for Mariposa County during the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year

It is traditional, in early summer, to recognize Emergency Medical Service personnel who have performed their professional activities in such a remarkable way as to impress their peers. To recognize people for outstanding performance is appropriate, particularly in the sphere of public safety.

Accordingly, we polled people in various agencies which provide Emergency Medical Services in Mariposa County, including the County Fire Department, CDF/CALFIRE, Mercy Ambulance, John C. Fremont Hospital, Yosemite National Park, and the Yosemite Medical Clinic. The results were as follows:

**Emergency Physician:** Dr. Merges of John C. Fremont Hospital.

Dr. Merges is mentioned by Emergency Medical personnel with whom he works for being a very "straightforward" doctor who makes rapid decisions which are usually very excellent decisions.

**Nurse Practitioner:** Linda Lee of Yosemite Medical Clinic.

Ms. Lee is very involved in teaching of EMS, teaching a four day EMT refresher course every fall and a five day Park Medic refresher course every January. Additionally, Ms. Lee performed an exceedingly valuable and dramatic role in the recent two-bus multi-casualty incident in Yosemite Park in April when she went to the scene of the accident, triaged victims there, and "cleared" many children of neck injuries, thereby making transport of those victims much more efficient and simple for first responder and ambulance service personnel without compromising patient safety.
**Emergency Room Nurse:** Dolores Leard of John C. Fremont Hospital.

Ms. Leard has been a stalwart nurse at the John C. Fremont Emergency Room for many years. She is precise and decisive in her actions.

**Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic:** Jonathan Knopf of Mercy Ambulance.

Jonathan has been noted on several occasions by his peers for his very professional manner of approaching the job and for his demonstration of tremendous caring and concern for his patients. In addition to these outstanding human characteristics, Jonathan is also quite skillful with maintenance of computer records for Mercy Medical Transport.

**Emergency Medical Technicians:** Brian Shoor of Yosemite Medical Clinic and Eric Heim of Mercy Ambulance.

Brian works as an EMT at Yosemite Medical Clinic and as an EMT ski patroller at Badger Pass. He is noted by medical professionals with whom he works for his dedication to the community as characterized by his teaching CPR and First Aid classes in Yosemite and areas surrounding the Park. He is considered great to work with and very conscientious. He is characterized as being good spirited, a characteristic which seems to be contagious (which, in this setting, is a good thing).

Mr. Heim of Mercy Medical Transport is described as an “awesome EMT”. Currently enrolled in Paramedic School, he is aggressively pursuing his career. He always has the patient’s best interest in mind when approaching his studies and his work.

**First Responders:** Harve and Tina Dearing.

This husband and wife, both First Responders, and County Firefighters, work in unison as a team to the benefit of the public, both in responding to fire emergencies and also medical emergencies. They function so well as a team that it was deemed impossible to nominate just one without the other. They rarely miss a call.

/jb/kb
MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NUMBER 08-329

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE OVER THE PAST YEAR

WHEREAS, the efficient administration of Emergency Medical Care require not only a well organized system, but dedicated, well trained individuals; and

WHEREAS, some emergency medical service personnel manifest exemplary performance of their assigned tasks; and

WHEREAS, those best able to identify outstanding emergency medical service professionals are other emergency medical service professionals with whom they work; and

WHEREAS, the Mariposa County Health Department, EMS section solicited from various agencies within the Emergency Medical Service System the names of outstanding professionals for nomination as Emergency Medical Service professional of the year; and

WHEREAS, those nominated include a physician, Dr. Dan Merges of John C. Fremont Hospital; a Nurse Practitioner, Linda Lee of Yosemite Medical Clinic; an Emergency Room Nurse, Dolores Leard of John C. Fremont Hospital; a Paramedic, Jon Knauff of Mercy Medical Transport; two Emergency Medical Technicians, Brian Shoor of Yosemite Medical Clinic and Eric Heim of Mercy Medical Transport; and two First Responders, Harve and Tina Dearing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County, a political subdivision of the State of California, hereby recognizes each of these individuals for their exemplary performance of duty within Mariposa County’s Emergency Medical Service System.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County this 22nd day of July, 2008 by unanimous vote.

BRAD ABORN, District I Supervisor
LYLE TURPIN, District II Supervisor
JANET BIBBY, District III Supervisor

DIANNE FRITZ, District IV Supervisor
BOB PICKARD, District V Supervisor