Missouri EMS Association Celebrates Emergency Medical Services Week (May 14 - 20) -- 33rd National EMS Week Gives 'Front Line' First Responders Deserved Recognition

American communities everywhere are consistently served each day by the world’s best pre-hospital emergency care systems and staff. The professionals who serve in this way are acutely aware that definitive emergency care is a combination of timing and skill. This awareness begins with training and testing and is subsequently delivered on the front line of health care in every community.

Jefferson City, MO (PRWEB) May 15, 2006 -- The Missouri Emergency Medical Services Association (MEMSA) wishes to recognize America’s 750,000 EMS providers, in the State of Missouri and around the nation, during this 33rd National EMS Week, for their commitment and dedication.

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week will be celebrated throughout the nation May 14-20, 2006. This year’s theme is EMS: Serving on Health Care's Front Line.

“There truly is a ‘front line’ in the fight to save lives, to beat the clock and to work flawlessly as a vital link in a team and chain of events ultimately designed to hand back to patients their lives and health,” said Missouri Emergency Medical Service Association (MEMSA) president, Ruby Mehrer, said. “Those who serve as front line responders; emergency medical technicians, paramedics, air ambulance flight crews, fire fighters and police officers, often risk their own lives to rescue and care for those in need, as we clearly saw during Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.”

“Additionally, we believe it is important to recognize many of these professionals who, behind the scenes, are committed to the training and testing of EMS providers,” Mehrer continued. “In many cases, the training and testing roles are filled by those who volunteer to direct and teach after putting in their forty or more hours per week in the field. Without these vital individuals, the EMS system, professional staff and ultimately patients and families would suffer greatly. MEMSA is fortunate to be made up of such individuals.”

EMS is an extension of emergency medicine as well as injury and illness prevention provided by those who are ready to go above and beyond the call of duty. Information on EMS career and volunteer opportunities and programs may be found at www.memsa.org.

MEMSA is a nonprofit organization of EMS professionals dedicated to assuring the quality pre-hospital medical care for the public in the State of Missouri. MEMSA’s primary mission is to train and test EMS professionals for state licensure.

EMS professionals in the State of Missouri may obtain CODE 3 an EMS industry quarterly newsletter published by MEMSA by visiting www.memsa.org.

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