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Sixteen Honored at 15th National EMS Memorial

Oilville, VA - 16 EMS providers from 10 states were honored this evening at the 2007 National EMS Memorial Service held at the First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Virginia. They were:

<i>John Buchner</i>	<i>City of Scranton FD Ambulance, Scranton, PA</i>
<i>Larry Doughton Crouse</i>	<i>Alleghany County EMS, Aurora, NC</i>
<i>Eric Collin Hanson</i>	<i>Marble Falls Area EMS, Marble Falls, TX</i>
<i>Doreen Renee Johnson</i>	<i>Air Evac Services of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ</i>
<i>Karl August Kolb</i>	<i>Med Flight Air Ambulance, Albuquerque, NM</i>
<i>Kristophor John Lamphere</i>	<i>Med Flight Air Ambulance, Albuquerque, NM</i>
<i>Erin Leah Eachus Reed</i>	<i>Airlift Northwest, Seattle, WA</i>
<i>Deborah Reeve</i>	<i>New York City Fire Department EMS, Bronx, NY</i>
<i>Jeremy Douglas Rodecap</i>	<i>Middletown/Fall Creek Twp EMS, Middletown, IN</i>
<i>Stephen Moore Smith</i>	<i>Airlift Northwest, Seattle, WA</i>
<i>Joseph Donald Snow</i>	<i>Montgomery County EMS, Clarksville, TN</i>
<i>Lois Reiko Suzuki</i>	<i>Airlift Northwest, Seattle, WA</i>
<i>Marco E. Villalobos</i>	<i>Med Flight Air Ambulance, Albuquerque, NM</i>
<i>Donald L. Womble</i>	<i>Med Flight Air Ambulance, Albuquerque, NM</i>
<i>Laura Ann Womble</i>	<i>Med Flight Air Ambulance, Albuquerque, NM</i>
<i>Karen Woods</i>	<i>University LifeLink, Aurora, CO</i>

Following an invocation delivered by Dr. Bill Ashford, Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church, and welcoming remarks from National EMS Memorial Service President Kevin L Dillard, attendees at this year's ceremony listened as the Keynote Address was delivered by A.J. Heightman, Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Emergency Medical Services (JEMS), as well as remarks by John J. Peruggia, Chief of EMS,

New York City (NY) Fire Department and Mary Beth Michos, Chief, Prince William County (VA) Department of Fire & Rescue.

As hundreds of family members, friends, co-workers, colleagues and dignitaries from across the nation watched, the families of each honoree were presented with the Memorial Medallions, U.S. Flags and White Roses recognizing their loved one's sacrifice. The presentations were followed by a Tribute Video remembering the honorees.

Vocals throughout the Service were performed by Glenn Brooks, City of Cleveland (OH) EMS, Laura Cox, Discovery United Methodist Church, Richmond, Virginia, Deborah Lockhart, Roanoke, Virginia, and B.B. Rivera, City of Cleveland (OH) EMS.

After retiring from the Church, the 2007 National EMS Memorial Honor Guard along with all other uniformed personnel "formed up" outside for the playing of Taps and a flyover by aircraft from area EMS aviation programs. This year's National EMS Memorial Honor Guard consisted of personnel representing 14 EMS agency honor guards from 11 states as well as the members of Pipe and Drums corps from 3 states.

The mission of the National EMS Memorial Service is to remember and honor those emergency medical services personnel who have died in the line of duty and to recognize the ultimate sacrifice they have made for their fellow man.

Additional information on the National EMS Memorial Service may be found on its web site at <http://nemsms.org>.

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