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**CALIFORNIA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
STARS OF LIFE AWARDS TO OUTSTANDING EMS PERSONNEL**

Sacramento, CA – The California Ambulance Association (CAA) today presented its annual “Stars of Life” Awards recognizing private ambulance company employees whose efforts have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Over 30 paramedics and emergency medical technicians from throughout California were recognized for their lifesaving actions or exceptional professional achievements during a ceremony in Sacramento.

In his remarks to the award recipients, CAA Board Chair Richard Angotti said, “Your actions, whether from a single heroic incident or a career-long performance record, demonstrate the spirit and commitment that is required in emergency medical services. Too often the work of our paramedics, EMTs, emergency medical dispatchers, and other key support personnel goes without notice. Neither the public nor the media get the opportunity to see the contribution each of you makes to ensure that highly specialized pre-hospital medical care is delivered day in and day out to the communities you serve.”

The Star of Life Medals were presented during a ceremony at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Sacramento Monday morning during which each Star was honored with a legislative certificate recognizing their accomplishments. Throughout the day, the Stars met individually with members of the California State Senate and Assembly to tell their life-saving stories and deliver important first-hand information regarding the essential service provided by California’s private sector ambulance services.

Founded in 1948, the California Ambulance Association (CAA) represents the interests of emergency and non-emergency ambulance service providers serving nearly every county in California. As essential healthcare providers, the CAA members are dedicated to assuring the delivery of excellent pre-hospital care to the people of California by promoting recognized industry best practices.