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OCFA Firefighters Win Emergency Medical Service Awards

*Cal EMS Authority Awards EMT of the Year and Lifesaving Medal to
OCFA Fire Captains*

Irvine, CA – Two OCFA firefighters were recognized yesterday (Dec.2) by the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) for their exemplary contributions in the field of emergency medicine in 2015. OCFA Fire Captain Steve Concialdi was named EMT of the Year, and OCFA Fire Captain Paul Holaday received the Lifesaving Medal during the annual Emergency Medical Service awards luncheon in San Francisco.

Launched in 2007, the annual awards honor and recognize exceptional acts and service by individuals working or volunteering in California's emergency medical system.

EMT OF THE YEAR AWARD:

Steve Concialdi – Fire Captain/Paramedic, Orange County Fire Authority
For 26 years of enthusiastic dedication to the EMS profession as a PIO and paramedic and proactive statewide advocacy against drunk driving, founding 'Friends Against Drinking & Driving' at age 18 in Orange County.

LIFESAVING MEDAL AWARD:

Paul Holaday – Fire Captain, Orange County Fire Authority
For quick thinking and rapid administration of CPR while off-duty to an unresponsive four-year old boy who was playing in a pool, saving the child's life.

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The OCFA is a joint powers authority that serves more than 1.8 million residents in 23 cities and the unincorporated areas of the county.