

Annual EMS Memorial Service

Main Rotunda, Harrisburg State Capitol Building, Harrisburg PA
Memorial Service begins at 1:00 pm



The Sixth Annual Pennsylvania EMS Memorial Service will be held beginning at 1:00 pm on September 12, 2016. All EMS Agencies from across the Commonwealth are invited to demonstrate the EMS community's solidarity by displaying an Emergency Vehicle (ambulance, squad unit, or supervisor's vehicle with EV plates) as, together, we honor and remember EMS providers lost in the line of duty.

Emergency Vehicles will be parked along Commonwealth Avenue behind the Capitol Building. Participants will gather in the Main Rotunda for the Memorial Service.

We ask that all agencies that plan on bringing vehicles register, in advance, so that we can ensure that adequate parking is available. Additional, specific information will be provided to participating organizations when your confirmation is sent.

All Pennsylvania EMS Agency honor guards are encouraged to attend.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist us with the coordination of vehicles and attendees. Detailed information and times will be provided.

There is NO COST to attend the Memorial Service.

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

(Your confirmation, parking instructions and a timeline for the event will be provided via email)

Contact Person: _____

Number and type of emergency vehicle: _____

Number of people attending from your organization: _____

Our Honor Guard will be participating in the ceremony.

Our EMS Agency will bring a flag and flag stand for display.

Number of volunteer(s) to coordinate vehicles (please provide names and email contact):

Number of volunteer(s) to coordinate attendees (please provide names and email contact):

You must pre-register! The deadline to register is August 31, 2016.



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Pennsylvania EMS Provider Foundation

*An Invitation
to the
PA EMS 911 Events:
A tribute to our
Past and Present
EMS Heroes*

*Sixth Annual PA EMS
Memorial Service
Harrisburg State Capitol
and
Tenth Annual
Stars of Life Event
Recognizing Those Who Serve Others*

*Monday, September 12, 2016
Hershey Lodge and Convention Center
Hershey, PA*



Tenth Annual Stars of Life Dinner

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA

The Pennsylvania EMS Provider Foundation will be hosting the Tenth Annual Stars of Life Dinner on Monday, September 12, 2016. The function, a fundraiser for the Foundation, will be held at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center in Hershey beginning at 6:00 pm.

The date of September 11th was chosen specifically to honor the emergency responders who gave their lives on September 11, 2001 as well as to honor all Pennsylvania EMS providers for the efforts and importance of the job these everyday heroes provide to residents of this Commonwealth. This year, these events will be held on Monday the 12th since the 11th falls on a Sunday.

These individuals, dedicated to the public they serve, are often forgotten in our day to day lives until the time they are needed. Working long hours in a profession that offers little pay has caused young men and women to no longer choose EMS as a career choice. Newspaper articles from around the country reflect the crisis in EMS staffing showing that recruitment and retention for this important, essential service has become a major concern for the future.

The Ambulance Association of Pennsylvania identified the need to recognize and **retain** our current providers as well as to **recruit** new providers to insure the future of EMS in Pennsylvania. The first annual event was a way to honor our current providers and to begin the formation of a Foundation, now known as the PA EMS Provider Foundation.

Retention

Our legislature, through passage of tax incentives and other SR60 recommendations has recognized the importance of emergency services and the heroic efforts of this industry. This dinner is an opportunity for every provider in Pennsylvania to honor their "heroes." This year, the Foundation will be awarding four grants to EMTs who will be continuing their education and career to become Paramedics.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PA EMS Provider Foundation for the generous grant I received in 2012. Along with the decision to go "back to school" and being an "older" provider, there was a lot of stress associated with that decision, along with the financial burden. The grant I received covered almost half the cost of my NREMT-P Program, that, along with some help from one of my employers, I was able to complete the program without the burden of the financial stress and I am proud to say that I am now a NREMT-P and working in the state of PA as a Paramedic, in part, due to the generosity of the PA EMS Provider Foundation. THANK YOU!

—Christopher Sole

- Does your service have an outstanding provider?
- Does your service have a provider who exemplifies EMS in your community?
- Would you like to honor someone for their years of dedication?

Reward them with tickets to this dinner and recognition as a Pennsylvania Star of Life.

See the enclosed form to honor and reward your service's heroes through our Stars of Life Program.

Recruitment

The Foundation was started to specifically address recruitment issues. The specific mission and purpose "is to serve the Pennsylvania emergency medical services community, to ensure public confidence in emergency medical services, to develop the next generation of emergency medical services providers, educate the public of their services and generally to further the cause of Pennsylvania emergency medical services through education, outreach and philanthropy. The Foundation will support the welfare of Pennsylvania emergency medical services providers and will serve other proper functions of a charitable, public foundation as needed."

Guest Speaker: A.J. Heightman, MPA, EMT-P

Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Emergency Medical Services (JEMS) based out of San Diego, CA, and Conference Chair of the EMS Today Conference and Exposition.

Prior to joining the staff of JEMS, A.J. served for 17 years as Executive Director of the six-county Eastern PA EMS region in Allentown, PA and then as Director of Operations for Cetronia Ambulance in Lehigh County.

Throughout his career in Eastern PA, A.J. also served as a paramedic and EMS command officer with the Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Dept. and also worked as a paramedic (part-time) for both the City of Allentown and Bethlehem EMS divisions.

A.J. is a graduate of Temple University and received his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Lehigh University.

A certified EMS and rescue instructor, A.J. has served on the faculty of university EMS degree programs; community college emergency service training divisions and fire academies.

A.J. is well known for his work in the area of EMS management and mass casualty incident management.



Agenda

6:00 pm	Reception
7:00 pm	Dinner
8:00 to 10:00 pm	Guest Speaker, Star of Life and Grant Awards, Sugar Fine Memorial EMS Leader of the Year Award

Attire is black tie optional, dress uniform preferred.

Hotel

Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, 325 University Drive, Hershey, PA 17033

Room rate is \$162 for single or double occupancy. Reservations can be made by calling (717) 533-3311 or 800-533-3131 and identify yourself as part of the AAP event. **Deadline for reservations is August 12, 2016.**

Dinner Reservations

You must pre-register for this event. **Deadline for reservations is August 31, 2016.** Due to the nature of the event, we will not be able to accept walk-ins. Seating will be assigned and your tickets will be available at the door. If you would like to be seated with providers from your area, please indicate the company name on the registration form.

Your reservation will include tickets to the event as well as two drink tickets (a cash bar will be available all evening). A confirmation will be emailed to all attendees.

Cancellations

Cancellations made prior to August 12, 2016 will be subject to a \$25.00 administrative fee. No refunds will be made for cancellations after August 12, 2016.

2016 Registration Form

Tenth Annual PA EMS 911 Event – Monday, September 12, 2016

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

(Confirmation will be sent to this email)

Contact Person: _____

Number of tickets to be reserved: _____

Names of Attendees (\$130 for the first name and \$110 for each additional name):

I would like to be seated with the following company or individuals:

Any special dietary restrictions:

Send in photos of your service from around the state for projection during the program. Email your jpg files to executivedirector@aa-pa.org. Receipt of your photo will be sent via email.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Each level of sponsorship will include two tickets to the dinner as well as acknowledgement of your contribution during the evening.

Gold Level \$1,000.00

Silver Level \$ 500.00

Bronze Level \$ 275.00

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

The PA EMS Provider Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Check Enclosed (Make checks payable to the PA EMS Provider Foundation)

Visa MasterCard Discover (The Foundation does not accept American Express)

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Validation Code (from the back of a Visa/MC or Discover): _____

Name on Credit Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Please return to:

Pennsylvania EMS Provider Foundation: 720 Montour Rd, Loysville, PA 17047
or fax to (717) 789-9091

Any questions? Please call Heather Sharar,
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