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Awards Ceremony to Highlight Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Personnel during EMS Week May 17 – 23, 2009

(Santa Ana) – In observance of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week May 17-23, 2009 the Orange County Health Care Agency will host the 2009 EMS Week Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 19 in Bash Auditorium at Western Medical Center, Santa Ana located at 1001 N. Tustin Ave to honor and recognize individual EMS system participants who take exemplary action.

Metro Cities Fire Authority Dispatcher John Delgado will be recognized during the Awards Ceremony for helping to deliver Orange County resident Kelly Gendry's daughter Emily. With her child near term, Kelly awoke one August morning only to realize that 'today was going to be the day' and made plans to head to her hospital for delivery. However, little Emily was on her way before Kelly and her husband made it out the door. 9-1-1 Dispatcher John Delgado provided clear and concise instructions to Kelly's husband Tom to help him safely deliver Emily. She was born before paramedics arrived on scene.

The Gendry family will be on hand during the Awards Ceremony to recognize John Delgado for his positive contributions and efforts in helping to deliver baby Emily. Along with John, additional EMS personnel will be recognized for several award categories including Great Saves; Courage Under Fire; EMS System Advocacy; Exceptional Performance; and Compassion in EMS to name a few.

EMS Week is celebrated yearly to recognize the efforts of dedicated physicians, nurses, paramedics, firefighters, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement officers, lifeguards, communications personnel, educators, and volunteers for their contributions and dedication to the Orange County community. To learn more about EMS Week, visit www.emsweek.org.

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