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TO: EMS System Distribution

FROM: Tammi McConnell, MSN, RN
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SUBJECT: **2020 EMS WEEK NOMINATIONS FOR EMS PERSONS-OF-THE-YEAR**

Orange County Emergency Medical Services (OCEMS) is pleased to announce that we are seeking nominations for EMS Persons-of-the-Year. Nominations for outstanding service can be made for first responders (fire, ambulance, and marine safety), law enforcement, dispatch, and emergency department personnel. Nominations may also be for a team, group, or organization as a whole and can be for a specific incident that was handled in an exemplary manner or it can be based on consistent overall performance. **The event being recognized must have occurred between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019.**

Please submit a [2020 EMS Award Nomination Form](#) via email to Vicki Sweet, EMS Coordinator at vsweet@ochca.com by Thursday, April 16, 2020. Honorees will be recognized during National EMS Week May 17 – 23, 2020. The award categories honoring an individual or organization are described below:

RICHARD L. HOECH, AWARD

Since 2003, this award has honored the spirit and memory of Dr. Richard “Dick” Hoech, an emergency physician who cared deeply about the Orange County EMS community and its practitioners. Dr. Hoech exemplified compassion, courage, leadership and mentoring. He served throughout the OC EMS system as a Base Physician, Asst OCEMS Medical Director, Medical Advisor for Santa Ana Fire, Saddleback Paramedic Training Program Instructor and Team Physician of California Task Force-5 USAR.

This award recognizes individuals who best exemplifies leadership and mentorship in the EMS System.

VISION IN EMS

Honors those who by their actions & innovative thinking have contributed to expanding the future of OCEMS.

EMS SYSTEM ADVOCACY

Best demonstration of system/patient advocacy resulting in improved patient care throughout the EMS System.

GREAT SAVES

Performed exemplary actions in saving or attempting to save the life of another

MICN/Paramedic Teamwork

Best demonstration of radio contact and collaboration between an MICN & Paramedic who provide rapid care and direction on a complex case to ensure the best possible patient outcome.