



## **EMS Week 2007 Promises to be EXCEPTIONAL!**

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“Extraordinary People, Extraordinary Services”. This is the state-wide theme for EMS week 2007 when we salute pre-hospital care providers who are committed to patient services in the field 24/7/365. This year Premier and MBI once again join forces in saying THANKS for all you do.

The Ninth annual EMS Star of Life awards dinner, sponsored by the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians will be held at the Columbus Hyatt Regency on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Premier/MBI have been corporate sponsors of this even since it's inception in 1999. The Star of Life awards were initiated by Dr. Dave Keseg, Medical Director of Columbus Fire/EMS and Director of Development for PHCS, and past president of Ohio ACEP. Dr. Keseg will be master of ceremonies for this year's event. Laura Tiberi, executive director of Ohio ACEP, says “It's important in the era to take time to recognize the hard work and dedication of these heroic people, and to raise public awareness of all they do. Dr. Keseg has demonstrated a life-long commitment to EMS, and he is a tremendous advocate and spokesman for the EMS community”.

In 2006 the Education/EMS division of PHCS developed and distributed an educational CD on Geriatric Prehospital Emergencies. “We tried to reach every squad and every provider in the state”, says Wanda Blackford, Education/EMS coordinator for Premier. This year's CD on Pediatric Assessment was written by Dr. Becky Perry and Frank Giampetro, EMT-P. “We are already getting requests for this product; we think it will also be well received,” ways Mrs. Blackford. “It's great information, it's painless to complete, and best of all...it's free”, says Frank Giampetro. Instructions on how to obtain 2 hours of FREE continuing education credit will be included in the CD mailing. For information how to obtain your copy contact Wanda Blackford at [wblackford@phcsday.com](mailto:wblackford@phcsday.com) or 937-312-3640.