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### **Governor's Emergency Medical Service Awards announced**

(Anchorage, Alaska) — The Governor's Annual Awards for Emergency Medical Services, sponsored by the Alaska Council on Emergency Medical Services, were announced at the State Emergency Medical Services Symposium on Friday, Nov. 13, 2009. Awards will be presented at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Alaska EMS Awards Banquet at the Egan Convention Center on Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. Award recipients are:

- **Consumer/Citizen Award: Gregg Nappi** — In recognition of his courageous and enduring act of skiing through the night and the next morning to save a friend who had tumbled more than 1,000 feet during an ice climb in April 2009.
- **EMS Provider Award: Soren Threadgill** — In recognition of his vision, positive attitude and magnanimous heart in serving his community, region and state. His work to improve patient outcomes from strokes will effect positive changes for years to come.
- **EMS Educator Award: Tom Vaden** — In recognition of his dedication and commitment to the cause of emergency service as the primary EMS trainer for the Norton Sound Region.
- **EMS Administrator Award: Charles Lean** — In recognition of his lifelong commitment as a leader, mentor, advisor, administrator and friend to the EMS system in the Norton Sound Region and throughout Alaska.
- **George H. Longenbaugh Memorial Award: Dr. Michael Levy** — In recognition of 20 years of service as a staunch supporter of pre-hospital and emergency medicine, and his dedication to public service ethics and the people of Alaska.
- **Outstanding Ambulance Service Award: Hoonah Emergency Medical Services** — In recognition of the staff's volunteer spirit, professionalism and long-term dedication to insuring that injured and ill residents and visitors receive the best emergency care.
- **Special Commendation: Matt Jones** — In recognition of his response to a 911 call while on duty as an Unalaska police officer in February 2009. He quickly and efficiently applied his Automated External Defibrillator to a person having a heart attack and got a stable rhythm. The patient survived.

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