

■ 2018 Award Winners

The National Association of EMS Physicians® (NAEMSP®) and Physio-Control, the world leader in emergency medical response technologies, announce **Mark Liao, MD**, as the winner of the NAEMSP® / Physio-Control EMS Medicine Medical Director Fellowship.



Mark is humbled and honored to be selected for the NAEMSP®/ Physio-Control Fellowship. He credits many great prehospital care providers from which he has learned and he is thankful for their mentorship, skill and expertise. Mark looks forward to working with the many more skilled practitioners from the public safety, military and medical sectors in the coming year. Mark is excited to further his goals through the EMS fellowship at Indiana University.

NAEMSP® recognized the following individual at our awards luncheon in San Diego in January 2018:

■ Ronald D. Stewart Award

Baxter Larmon, PhD

Originally inspired by Dr. Ronald D. Stewart, Baxter Larmon’s work as an EMS educator and promoter of EMS research has made a lasting, major contribution to the advancement of EMS systems and EMS care. Early on, Dr. Larmon realized the importance of EMS providers



embracing and engaging in EMS research. As a result, he began working with other physicians to design and execute EMS studies and to lay the foundation for what would become the Prehospital Care Research Forum (PCRF). Dr. Larmon also co-founded the UCLA Center for Prehospital Care which has an international reputation as a leader in emergency medical services education, training and research. Because of his work, countless leaders in EMS research, education and clinical paramedicine can trace their professional heritage, either directly or indirectly, back to Dr. Larmon.

■ Keith Neely Outstanding Contribution to EMS Award

Susan McHenry
(award accepted by Jon Krohmer)



For more than 20 years, Susan McHenry has made numerous contributions to EMS through her position at NHTSA. She has been instrumental in setting the agenda on projects that have moved EMS forward in great leaps. As she enters retirement, this award is a tribute to her career.

■ Friends of EMS Award

Robert Wagoner

For more than 30 years Rob Wagoner has been serving behind the scenes for the National Registry of EMTs. His job was to ensure the validity and the security of the certification exam for EMS professionals. Rob has been the point person in most of the major projects the National Registry has undertaken including an instrumental role in REPLICA and welcoming state EMS officers and national EMS officials to the registry offices to help them learn how the National Registry serves a vital role in certification and maintenance of certification for thousands of EMS professionals in the United States. His life accomplishments have literally touched every single EMS provider in our country, in some way or another, for three decades.



■ **President’s Award**

Michael Guttenburg, DO, FAEMS

Michael Guttenburg spent more than 30 years delivering emergency medical services in the City of New York as an EMT, paramedic field provider and physician. As an FDNY EMS fellow in 2001, Dr. Guttenburg “worked the pile” at Ground Zero in the weeks after 9/11. This year he succumbed to pancreatic cancer attributed to “World Trade Center-related illness.” Dr. Guttenburg served as medical director of Northwell Health’s clinical preparedness and Center for Emergency Medical Services (CEMS) to the end. Dr. Guttenburg was a dedicated physician, a leader in the emergency medicine field and a mentor to many. He committed his life to the service of others, setting a high bar for performance, even in the most difficult of situations. Michael passed away Oct. 17, 2017.



Salvatore Silvestri, MD

Salvatore Silvestri devoted his life’s work to EMS, education, mentorship, research and the advancement of prehospital care. Dr. Silvestri was a devoted educator in the EMS and Emergency Medicine Communities. He held multiple academic appointments during his career and he was instrumental in seeing the need for dedicated, structured training in EMS for physicians. He was instrumental in the development of the EMS Fellowship at Orlando Regional Medical Center/Orange County EMS and served as the academic program director. Sal was passionate about the advancement of the EMS sub-specialty and believed that prehospital research was an essential component of that advancement. One of his greatest legacies was the work he did to mentor and develop Emergency Medicine and EMS Physicians through his work with the Emergency Medicine Residency Program at Orlando Health and the joint Orlando Health/Orange County EMS System EMS Fellowship. He has been instrumental in the success of both programs. Sal passed away Feb. 26, 2017.



2018 Abstract Awards

■ Best Scientific Poster

“DO AGE APPROPRIATE VITAL SIGN CUT POINTS IMPROVE THE PREDICTIVE ABILITY OF THE PHYSIOLOGIC CRITERIA OF THE FIELD TRIAGE DECISION SCHEME FOR IDENTIFYING CHILDREN WHO NEED THE RESOURCES OF A TRAUMA CENTER”

E. Brooke Lerner, Jeremy Cushman, Mohamed Badawy, Amy Drendel, Courtney Jones, Manish Shah, David Gourlay, Medical College of Wisconsin

■ Best Student/Resident/Fellow Research Presentation

“TRAINING IN PREHOSPITAL DEATH NOTIFICATIONS LINKED TO IMPROVED PROVIDER COMFORT AND PREPARATION”

Abraham Campos, Rebecca Cash, Remle Crowe, Madison Rivard, Brian Clemency, Robert Swor, Ashish Panchal, Eric Ernest, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center

■ Best EMS Professional Research Presentation

“ARE EMS PROVIDER CHARACTERISTICS ASSOCIATED WITH APPROPRIATE RESPONSES DURING VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS?”

Donald Garner, Mallory DeLuca, Remle Crowe, Rebecca Cash, Madison Rivard, Jefferson Williams, Ashish Panchal, Jose Cabanas, Wake County EMS

■ Best Poster Abstract Presentation

“BENCHMARKING EMS COMPASS PERFORMANCE MEASURES USING A LARGE NATIONAL DATASET: PEDIATRIC CARE”

Jeffrey Jarvis, Dustin Barton, Lauren Sager, Nick Nudell, Williamson County EMS

■ Best Cardiac Arrest Presentation

“TIMING OF ADVANCED AIRWAY PLACEMENT AFTER OUT-OF-HOSPITAL CARDIAC ARREST: EARLIER IS BETTER”

Justin Benoit, Jason McMullan, Henry Wang, Changchun Xie, Peixin Xu, Kimberly Hart, Christopher Lindsell, University of Cincinnati

■ Best Disaster Presentation

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“INTRAOSSUEOUS ACCESS USE IN CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIATION, AND NUCLEAR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT”

Tim Collins, Clinical & Medical Affairs, Teleflex Medical

■ Best Pediatric Presentation

“ANALYSIS OF DOSING ERRORS MADE BY PARAMEDICS DURING SIMULATED PEDIATRIC PATIENT SCENARIOS AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF STATE-WIDE Pediatric Drug Dosing Reference”

John Hoyle, Glenn Ekblad, Tracy Hover, Bill Fales, Richard Lammers, Dena Smith, Western Michigan University