



CALSTAR Brings Home Two Major Awards from AMTC

SACRAMENTO – (December 20, 2016) – The Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS) held their annual Air Medical Transport Conference (AMTC) on December 13-15, 2016 in Charlotte, NC. As the largest air medical convention and conference, AMTC is specifically designed to provide leadership, education, and up-to-date information on the latest techniques and innovative approaches to emergency medical transport practices from experts in the industry. In addition to expositions and 150+ education sessions covering topics in a variety of disciplines, awards are presented in eleven categories, including Community Service, Transport Leadership, Neonatal/Pediatric Transports, Critical Care Ground Transports, Fixed Wing Service, Safety, Transport Mechanic, Research and Education, Aviation Safety, Lifetime Achievement, and Program of the Year. Winners are selected by a judging panel comprised of industry experts from across the nation.

We are very proud to share with you that CALSTAR took home two of those awards.

2016 PROGRAM OF THE YEAR – CALSTAR

The Program of the Year Award recognizes an emergency medical program that demonstrates a superior level of patient care, quality leadership through visionary and innovative approaches, customer service, safety consciousness, marketing ingenuity, community service and commitment to the medical transport community as a whole. As the 2016 award-winner, CALSTAR was acknowledged for the organization’s transformative journey from humble beginnings to becoming one of the West Coast’s most respected emergency air ambulance programs.



Since first launching in 1984, CALSTAR has provided life-saving air medical transport in an effort to speed rehabilitation and improve outcomes for more than 60,000 victims of critical illness or injury. Operating from eleven air medical bases that stretch across California, CALSTAR has been a vital part of the state’s emergency medical services, adapting when needed in an ever-changing industry, while at the same time advancing medical and education initiatives in health care to benefit both professionals and patients alike.

The organization is exceptionally dedicated to the advancement of emergency medical services, and takes great pride in working alongside EMS, law enforcement, hospitals and health systems to further develop excellence in patient care for the benefit of all. In addition, CALSTAR’s long-standing commitment to safety has resulted in a company-wide culture that empowers every individual to play an active role in safe operations—a commendable achievement by any measure.



2016 EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD – CALSTAR

AAMS' Excellence in Community Service Award recognizes an emergency medical transport program that demonstrates an outstanding history of leadership and substantial involvement in service projects that contribute to the quality of life within the communities they serve. This year's honor was received by CALSTAR for the organization's contributions to the "Every 15 Minutes" program, which strives to educate High School students on the dangers of driving while distracted or impaired.

As a dedicated partner in safety, CALSTAR supports the California Highway Patrol and Office of Traffic Safety by taking part in multiple events each year, providing simulated medical care and mock patient transports in an effort to demonstrate the harsh realities of impaired driving, thereby educating students and encouraging behaviors that could save the lives of family, friends, and themselves—ultimately reducing traffic casualties and the need for emergency services related to these incidents.

About CALSTAR (www.calstar.org)

Founded in 1983 and headquartered at McClellan Park, Sacramento, CALSTAR provides rapid air medical transport to those who need critical care services. Saving lives, reducing disability and speeding recovery for victims of trauma and illness through rapid transport, quality medical care and education is CALSTAR's mission. The organization has approximately 225 employees operating from eleven bases across California.

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