MEDSTAR RECEIVES EMS-10 INNOVATION AWARD FROM
THE JOURNAL OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
First time the award has been presented to an entire agency

Fort Worth – April 8, 2013

Each year, the Journal of Emergency Medical Services (JEMS) names 10 individuals who have led significant innovation in the emergency medical services profession. Since its inception in 2008, the “EMS 10 Award” has always cited individuals who have made the biggest impact in EMS – until now!

For the first time in the history of the JEMS EMS 10 award the entire MedStar agency was recognized for multiple outstanding innovations brought to the EMS industry.

Douglas Hooten, Executive Director of MedStar, received the award on behalf of MedStar’s 375 employees at the ceremony in Washington, DC on March 6th. “MedStar and our Medical Control Authority, the Emergency Physician’s Advisory Board, are honored and thrilled to be recognized as innovators by our peers. This is a testament to the passion our employees have to enhance the services we provide to our local residents.” explains Mr. Hooten. “Our mission is to be a World Class mobile healthcare provider and to lead the industry in providing mobile healthcare services.”

In presenting the award, A.J. Heightman, Editor-in-Chief of JEMS cited MedStar’s numerous innovations designed to change “emergency medical services” to ‘Mobile Healthcare’. “It is most fitting that MedStar received this Innovator award because their crews are taking the lead in the new world of Mobile Health Care and are on the cutting edge of this important new health care delivery model. What’s most impressive is that the entire MedStar staff has taken on the challenge to blaze the trail that others are following to deliver care to the community and help prevent the re-occurrence of medical conditions and potential deterioration of conditions through at-home check-ups and interventions.” stated Mr. Heightman in presenting the award to MedStar.
City Council member and Mayor Pro Tem Zim Zimmerman - who also chairs the MedStar Board – explains, “MedStar, its employees, leadership team and Medical Directors, Dr. Jeff Beeson and Dr. Steven Davis, are simply not satisfied with status quo. They see the opportunities to implement new care models that are able to demonstrate better care for the patient, a better patient experience and reduce the cost of care. They are not afraid to make bold changes to how we operate. We are fortunate that Ft. Worth and the other member cities that are part of the MedStar System have such innovators working in and for our community” said Mr. Zimmerman.

For more information on JEMS and the EMS 10 Innovation Award, visit the JEMS EMS 10 website.

About MedStar:
Responding to over 112,000 calls each year, MedStar Mobile Healthcare is the exclusive emergency and non-emergency ambulance service provider to over 880,000 residents throughout Fort Worth and 14 other Tarrant County cities including Haltom City, Burleson, Saginaw, White Settlement, Forest Hill, River Oaks, Lake Worth, Sansom Park, Westworth Village, Blue Mound, Edgecliff Village, Haslet, Lakeside and Westover Hills. Established in 1986, MedStar is governed by the Area Metropolitan Ambulance Authority board of directors, is one of only 132 ambulance services in the country to receive national accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services and they are the only agency to be recognized as an EMS 10 Innovator by JEMS Magazine. MedStar was also named the 2010 Texas EMS Provider of the Year by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

-END-