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NATIONAL EMS WEEK & PHOENIX AWARD RECOGNITION CEREMONY

National EMS week is scheduled for May 15 through the 21 this year. The week will be spent honoring those emergency medical service workers who provide emergency services to the community.

A recognition ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 19th, starting at 2 p.m. at the First Choice Credit Union located at 2500 "N" Street. Lincoln Fire and Rescue and the 911 center will recognize those responsible for saving the lives of 17 people in 2004 with the awarding of "Phoenix Award" certificates. Other members of the medical community that assisted in these emergencies will also be recognized.

More than 100 certificates will be awarded to the 911 dispatchers who took the calls, and the firefighters and paramedics who responded to those EMS calls that resulted in a cardiac arrest "save". A "save" in Lincoln is defined as reviving a patient who is found by EMS without a pulse and not breathing, who is subsequently resuscitated and is later released from the hospital.

Mayor Coleen Seng, City Council members, County Commissioners, and many members of Lincoln's medical community have been invited to attend.

Overflow parking for the event will be in the lot just north of The First Choice Credit Union at 2500 "N" Street.

For more information on this and other Lincoln Fire and Rescue events, visit our web site at www.Lincoln.ne.gov Keyword: Fire.