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MEDIA ALERT

WHAT: National EMS Memorial Bike Ride (East Coast Route) to kick off the 2016 National EMS Weekend of Honor

WHEN: Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: Massachusetts State House
24 Beacon Street
Boston, MA



WHO: Over 100 participants will be volunteering their time and resources to honor the lives of 90 EMS individuals over this seven-day ride from Boston to Arlington, VA. The Muddy Angels, as they are called, come from throughout the United States and Canada. They are riding for the National EMS Memorial Service inductees, as well as EMTs and paramedics who made significant contributions to their EMS communities and who died of natural or non-employment related causes.

WHY: When asked why they ride, National EMS Memorial Bike Ride East Coast Coordinator Ken Fritz stated, "I think it's important to remember not only those we've lost, but all that are in the field each day. EMS is a dangerous, difficult profession, but one that is totally essential in our society. I believe it's important to raise awareness of the profession as a whole and to remember those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty."

DETAILS: Check out the routes by day for the ride at the following site:
<https://ridewithgps.com/events/2016-NEMSMBR-East-Coast-Day-1> .

Please note that the Day 3 route in New York City will be escorted by New York Police Department and Fire Department New York so final route will be not be determined until the day of the event. The final day of the Ride will end with the arrival of the riders at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA, where they will present each family with a dog tag inscribed with the name of their loved one.

The National EMS Weekend of Honor is organized and hosted by the following volunteer-staffed organizations: National EMS Memorial Bike Ride, National EMS Memorial Service, and the National EMS Memorial Foundation. The lives of air medical and EMS providers who died in the line of duty in 2016 will be honored and celebrated. See the National EMS Memorial website <http://www.national-ems-memorial.org/events-2/weekend-of-tribute> for more information on the specific event times and locations.

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