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E9-1-1 INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES 9-1-1 HONOR AWARDS CATEGORIES CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS

WASHINGTON--The E9-1-1 Institute has announced the categories for the 2007 **"9-1-1 Honor Awards Gala"** and issued a call for nominations. The Gala will take place on **Tuesday, March 13, 2007** in Washington D.C.

Every year, the E9-1-1 Institute, in conjunction with the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus, hold an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. to honor heroes and leaders in the 9-1-1 field. **Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton** (D-NY) says, "An effective way to highlight the critical importance of the 9-1-1 emergency call number is to tell the stories of the people who through 9-1-1 have saved lives and risen to the occasion to demonstrate heroism and leadership."

Representative John Shimkus (R-IL) stated that, "Over the past 3 years, we have honored ordinary people who, when the time came, acted heroically to save a life or avoided serious catastrophe using 9-1-1. **Representative Anna Eshoo** (D-CA) adds, "I salute the extraordinary public servants who have dedicated themselves to making our communities and our country safer through their dedication to improving 9-1-1 and emergency communications."

The program is an annual event honoring individuals, institutions and organizations that positively represent 9-1-1.

The deadline to submit nominations is **Monday, February 5, 2007**. The event will be hosted jointly by the E9-1-1 Institute and the National Emergency Number Association (NENA). The Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus Co-Chairs **Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton** (D-NY), **Representative Anna Eshoo** (D-CA), and **Representative John Shimkus** (R-IL) have been invited to present the awards.

The E9-1-1 Institute is a non-profit organization which exists to support the Congressional E9-1-1 Caucus and assist in promoting public education on E9-1-1 and emergency communications issues. The Institute provides informational and administrative support to members of the Congressional Caucus as they pursue their mission of improving 9-1-1 emergency communications. Nominations may be submitted through the E9-1-1 Institute website: www.e911institute.org

NENA is The Voice of 9-1-1™. Now celebrating its 25th year, NENA was established to promote implementation and awareness of 9-1-1 as North America's universal emergency number. NENA has grown to become the leading professional non-profit organization dedicated solely to 9-1-1 emergency communications issues. NENA serves its more than 7,000 members in 47 chapters across the U.S., Canada and Mexico through policy advocacy, establishment of technical and operational standards, certification programs and a broad spectrum of educational offerings. Find out more at www.nena.org.

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2007 E9-1-1 Institute Honor Awards Categories

9-1-1 Call-Taker/Dispatcher Award: This award honors the “First responders”—the **9-1-1 call-takers** and **dispatchers** who are on the front line every. Candidates for this honor should have a proven track record of service in the field and a reputation for going the extra mile on behalf of emergency callers.

Citizen in Action: The Citizen in Action award honors **someone** who demonstrated **exceptional bravery** and **heroism** to save a life in a critical time using 9-1-1.

First Responder Award: The First Responder Award recognizes those individuals that 9-1-1 people call—e.g. **Law Enforcement, Fire Rescue** and or **Emergency Medical Service providers**—for their professionalism, initiative, creativity or diligence in assisting a person reporting and/or experiencing an emergency situation.

Government Leader Award (Federal): This award recognizes the **federal government leader** that has done the most to **advance the capabilities of 9-1-1** emergency communications.

Government Leader Award (Local): This award recognizes the *state or local government leader* that has done the most to **advance the capabilities of 9-1-1** emergency communications.

Industry Professional Award: The Industry Professional Award honors an **individual** or **organization** in the **commercial sector** that has demonstrated exceptional contributions towards the advancement of emergency 9-1-1 communications

Media/Entertainment Award: This award recognizes the **media** or **entertainment individual** or **organization** that has done the most to improve public understanding and support for 9-1-1 emergency communications.

Outstanding 9-1-1 Call Center Award: This award recognizes a **state, regional** or **local 9-1-1 program** for its excellence in key emergency communications areas ranging from the handling of emergency situations reported to 9-1-1 to the deployment and management of new technology.

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Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Where: Historic Union Station on Capitol Hill; East Hall; Washington, D.C.

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