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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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

WASHINGTON--The E9-1-1 Institute today announced the categories for the 2006 “**9-1-1 Honor Awards**” and issued a call for nominations. The awards will be presented on **Wednesday, March 8, 2006 in Washington D.C.** Award winners will be honored at a Gala recognizing individuals and institutions that positively represent 9-1-1.

The deadline to submit nominations is **Tuesday, January 31, 2006**. 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 Conrad Burns (R-MT)**, **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](http://www.e911institute.org)

NENA is *The Voice of 9-1-1*<sup>™</sup>. Now celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> 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 46 chapters across the U.S. and Canada 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](http://www.nena.org).

**\* Logistics & Categories attached**

## **2006 E9-1-1 Institute Honor Awards Categories**

### **9-1-1 Call-Taker/Dispatcher Award:**

This award honors the “First first responders”—the 9-1-1 call-takers and dispatchers who are on the front line every day. 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 Award:**

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 (State or 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 Program:**

This award recognizes regional 9-1-1 programs, individual 9-1-1 call centers and PSAPS for their excellence in handling emergency situations reported to 9-1-1, for the manner in which it exemplifies the 9-1-1 profession and for the manner by which it utilizes technology in conjunction with 9-1-1.

**LOGISTICS:**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 8, 2006

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Where:** B-Smith's Restaurant at Union Station, Washington, D.C.