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Oregon emergency medical services medical director recognized for outstanding work

The Oregon Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians has chosen Ritu Sahni, M.D., medical director of the Oregon Public Health Division's Emergency Medical Services & Trauma Systems, as the 2010 Member of the Year for his outstanding work. He recently was awarded this honor at the Oregon chapter's 28th winter conference.

"It is an incredible honor when your peers choose to recognize your work with an award," Sahni said.

Sahni created supervising physicians' forums and conducts other activities to train and educate local emergency medical services medical directors, provides technical support for EMS staff, and serves as a member of the state Emergency Healthcare Taskforce.

Sahni also is an associate professor of Emergency Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University and serves as medical director for the Lake Oswego Fire Department.

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Sahni was chosen as president-elect of the National Association of Emergency Medical Physicians in the organization's most recent election. As president-elect, Sahni will serve on the association's executive committee and will become president in two years. Sahni also is a member of the board of directors for the Advocates for Emergency Medical Services, a coalition of major EMS organizations dedicated to promoting, educating and increasing awareness among decision-makers in Washington, D.C., on issues affecting EMS providers.

Oregon Public Health's Emergency Medical Services & Trauma Systems ensure that high-quality community resources are available to respond to medical emergencies throughout the state. Oregon Public Health is part of the Oregon Health Authority that works to improve the health of all Oregonians.

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