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Mono County Staff Recognized *EMS Employees receive Golden Rotor Award from Care Flight*

Mono County, Calif. – On Wednesday, April 1, 2014, Mono County EMS employees Bryan Bullock and Nico Curti received the Care Flight quarterly Golden Rotor Award, an award Care Flight gives to individuals outside of their organization for going above and beyond in patient care or scene safety.

These two men showed determination and dedication to continued care for a Mono County patient, during the transfer of care from an ambulance to another medical facility. They properly identified a medical emergency requiring immediate assistance that fortunately Care Flight was able provide at that time. And then ensured appropriate and necessary continued care for this patient was met by Care Flight.

Bullock started as a paramedic for Mono County in October 2004 and was promoted to Station Captain in May 2014. He has been in the emergency medical field for approximately 18 years. Mono County EMS Medic 7 Bridgeport Station Captain Bryan Bullock commented, “Thanks to Care Flight for this recognition and to Bridgeport Volunteer Fire Department, who was first on scene and provided initial patient stabilization. I would also like to thank the community of Mono County for the continued support of our program. On behalf of Mono County EMS we will continue to provide this same level of care to members of our community and visitors to Mono County.”

Nico Curti is a relatively new addition to the department, starting in November 2014 as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) at Medic 1 in Walker. Curti commented, “It’s a great honor to be part of this team and department. I know we all put care first and take great pride in our work. I know the whole staff would have done the same thing that day.”



Because of our remote location, Mono County EMS works with Care Flight Reno on a large percentage of our critical medical and trauma calls. This agency relationship ensures patients get transferred timely to the proper medical facility.

For more information regarding the Mono County EMS program you may contact them at (760) 924-1832 or check out the website www.monocounty.ca.gov/ems.

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Mono County offers a rural setting with the most spectacular landscapes in the state. Situated between the crest of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the California/Nevada border, Mono County has a land area of 3,030 square miles, or just over 2 million acres, 94% of which is publicly owned. Much of this land is contained in the Inyo and Toiyabe National Forests. As a result, Mono County is home to vast scenic and recreational resources, and has unsurpassed access to wilderness and adventure.

The county is home to, and named after Mono Lake, which is a large high-desert saline lake. Also located in the county is the historic gold rush town of Bodie, which during its heyday in the late 1800's was home to as many as 7,000 people, and is today maintained as a State Historic Park for the public to come and enjoy. The county seat is proudly located in Bridgeport. Scenic Highway 395 weaves its way north-south through the heart of the county, effectively dividing the steep mountains to the west from the vast desert valley to the east. As it provides access to Yosemite National Park via Lee Vining, it passes beneath towering peaks, and past broad desert expanses.