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EMS FDNY WINS 2008 JEMS COMPETITION

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

FDNY EMS members won the top honor this year at the Journal of Emergency Medical Services (JEMS) nationwide competition. Members of the Emergency Medical Services across North America competed in this year's competition which was held on Friday, March 28th in Baltimore, MD.

A total of 25 teams competed in a qualifying round to determine which top five teams would advance to the finals for a chance to compete live in front of hundreds of spectators at the Baltimore Convention Center.

The FDNY EMS team, which had combined total of nearly 75 years of experience, included Lieutenant James Fallar, Paramedic Joseph Hudak, Paramedic Don Faeth and EMT Joseph Fortis. The FDNY EMS team scored the highest in the qualifying round and then went on to win the overall competition.

The five teams who qualified for the finals were presented with a mock scenario of a natural disaster – an earthquake in an urban area resulting in a structural collapse trapping 10 people.

Teams were given 20 minutes to perform under real-life conditions, while being judged in their accuracy to triage patients and identifying the nature of injuries. Teams were also graded on how well they communicated with each other, the Incident Commander at the scene and the Urban Search and Rescue Squad.

For winning first place, the members of FDNY EMS received a \$1,000 check which will be donated to FDNY EMT Christopher Pierce, who sustained a serious injury while off duty.

At the JEMS competition, FDNY EMS finished in second place in 2007 and in first place in 2006.

We applaud the commitment all of you make everyday in helping to keep millions of New Yorkers who depend on us safe. Your dedication to public safety is why FDNY EMS is "New York's Best."

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