



Way to Go, Dean Cole!

Dean Cole, EMS/Trauma Program Manager, was awarded the Kenneth Kimball Award at the annual EMS conference in Kearney in July. The Kenneth Kimball Award is given to a person who has played an important role in improving the quality of the EMS system throughout Nebraska.

Dean started his career in EMS in 1976 when he took his first EMT-A training. In 1988, Dean started working for the state as the metro EMS specialist. He is currently the EMS/Trauma Program Manager in DHHS' Division of Public Health, a position he has held since 1994.

Dean has been intricately involved with many important programs such as Critical Incident Stress Management, EMS for Children, Medi-Tedi and the Trauma Program, to name a few. Dean continues his involvement with many boards, conferences and trainings, promoting and improving EMS and assisting EMS personnel throughout the state every day.

Letters came in from all over Nebraska nominating Dean for this award. Here are some of the comments received.

- "I simply cannot think of an individual who has done more to promote, encourage and enhance EMS in Nebraska."
- "Dean has earned the respect and gratitude of coworkers and peers as well as every first responder, EMT and paramedic."
- "Dean has always risen to the demands placed before him, working diligently and tirelessly to support the state's EMS professionals."
- "Dean's commitment and contributions to enhance the Nebraska EMS system and improve patient outcomes is commendable."

Way to go, Dean! Thanks for all of your hard work and dedication to Nebraska's EMS program.