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KARNES COUNTY ASSISTANT EMS CHIEF RECOGNIZED AS EMS LEADER OF THE YEAR

KARNES COUNTY--- Karnes County Assistant EMS Chief, Derek Lappe, was recently recognized by the Texas EMS Alliance (TEMSA) as EMS Leader of the Year. TEMSA was founded in 2015 to serve as the united voice of Texas EMS agencies. To date, TEMSA is recognized as one of the most successful EMS advocacy organizations in the State of Texas with an extensive track record of assisting with positive legislative changes for the industry. EMS Chief Casey Ebrom currently serves on their Board of Directors. Beginning in 2021, TEMSA established an annual award/recognition process as part of their annual EMS Evolution. EMS Evolution is one of the state's largest EMS leadership conferences that gathers subject matter experts in the industry as well as leaders from agencies across Texas to share their knowledge and experiences. Nominations for the awards are made by representatives from member organizations of TEMSA and brought for consideration.

The EMS Leader of the Year is awarded to an EMS manager, director or senior leader who has made a tremendous impact on both their own agency and the Texas EMS community over the past year.

Assistant Chief Lappe's nomination for this award stated (in part,) "He united multiple local and state agencies within our county in an effort to begin (and continue) the conversation about responding to active threats within our county." "Derek is an ambassador to our neighboring agencies and is well-known and appreciated by multiple other leaders in our area as wealth of EMS knowledge and professionalism".

EMS Chief Casey Ebrom stated, "It is an absolute pleasure to have Derek on our team! His experience, passion and work ethic undoubtedly play a pivotal role in the success of our organization. I could not think of a more deserving person for this award!".

"I am very proud of our EMS team. We have a dynamic EMS crew in Karnes County. I am pleased that Assistant Chief Derek Lappe was recognized by the Texas EMS Alliance for all his hard work, efforts and contributions. This is an honor very well deserved," Karnes County Judge Hedtke said.



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