

**Justification for Awarding
the PHS _____ Award**

Accomplishment

LT Heart Beat is nominated for the PHS _____ Award for his sustained superior performance, leadership and dedication to duty as a clinical instructor for the Basic Life Support (BLS) course from March 2009 through September 2010. During this time, LT Beat has consistently supported the Commissioned Corps initiative requiring all USPHS officers to maintain certification as BLS providers, meeting a critical need.

Background

BLS proficiency and certification at the Healthcare Provider level is a critical skill and a basic readiness requirement for all PHS officers. It is not readily available at all agencies or duty stations, and often requires additional agency resources (time, travel and course fees) for officers to obtain. For this reason, it is offered by the Office of Force Readiness and Deployment (OFRD) during the Officer Basic Course (OBC), which all new PHS officers attend. LT Beat has consistently volunteered as a BLS instructor for over a year, often on short notice. His flexibility and willingness to serve have directly impacted the overall increased readiness of the Commissioned Corps.

Intervention

LT Beat has been directly involved in BLS training at 16 different OBCs, resulting in the certification of 293 new officers. He has been the lead instructor for 3 of these trainings and assistant instructor for 13. His dedication to this task includes providing BLS instruction in the evening as needed to accommodate the OBC training schedule. He has also recruited and assisted with training other BLS instructors within the Commissioned Corps. OFRD has received praise and appreciation from the officers instructed by LT Beat, and wholeheartedly acknowledges that he demonstrates a superior ability to teach BLS.

Outcome

During the time frame cited, LT Beat has taught BLS to 293 PHS officers – approximately 4.5% of the Commissioned Corps. This directly contributes to increased Commissioned Corps readiness levels, a measure used by OMB to evaluate the entire Commissioned Corps. In particular, he demonstrates an exceptional ability to effectively communicate the curriculum to an audience with a broad range of skill levels and experience.

Summary

LT Beat's dedication to duty, professional ability and personal initiative reflect great credit upon him, directly support our mission and exemplify the core values of the USPHS. Therefore, he is strongly recommended for the PHS _____ Award.

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