

# Plains to Peaks EMS & Trauma Service Region

“To facilitate and improve the delivery of quality emergency medical & trauma services in the five county Region”

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION NOMINATION FORM

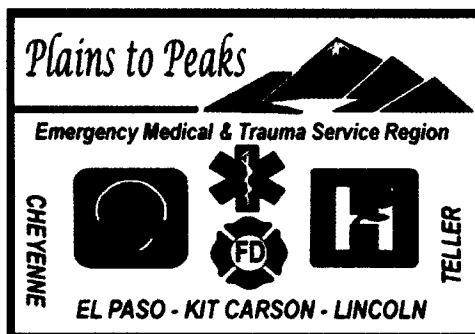
Nominee Name: Dr. Kent Herbert Title: ED Physician

Agency: Pikes Peak Regional Hospital Supervisor: Dr. Sanford

The Plains to Peaks Regional Council values the importance of recognizing and rewarding the dedication of agencies and personnel across the Region. We would like to thank you for taking the time to make this nomination.

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**JUSTIFICATION:** (describe in detail the significant achievement: who, what, where, when and why, please attach additional pages as necessary)



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Kim and the Plains to Peaks RETAC committee,

Every year the plains to peaks RETAC committee selects, recognizes and awards individuals within the RETAC for extraordinary works in their field, commitment and going above and beyond their position description on paper. Over the last year I have noticed one such individual at a local rural hospital in the plains to peaks RETAC. Over the last year I have transferred care to, received patients from and collaborated with him on the most appropriate care for each individual patient and their individual medical situation at the time. Through these encounters Dr. Kent Herbert has shown an incredibly high level of compassion for each and every one of his patients. His compassion goes well beyond the normal generic blanket of compassion that most EMS professionals possess and is individualized and so sincere to each individual patient and their unique situation. Dr. Herbert also has such an uncanny ability to put some of the most horrific and disturbing situations aside and continue to care for his patients, as well as their family members, who at times need a large amount of care and compassion as well. One situation in particular comes to mind for this.

On Ferurary 1 at 0715 in the morning tones went out for a two car head on MVC with injuries. Myself and three other EMS personnel raced to the entrance to Pikes Peak Regional Hospital. When we arrived a young 15 year old male was the rear passenger of one of the vehicles. CPR was in progress and the young boy was unconscious, did not have a pulse and was not breathing on his own and was bleeding from the ears. It was decided to quickly load the young boy into the ambulance and transport him into the ED where Dr. Herbert and his staff were patiently waiting. Resuscitation efforts continued on the young boy for one and a half to two hours until the parents could arrive at the hospital. It was one of Dr. Herbert's wishes to continue all resuscitation efforts until both the mother and father had arrived. Once the family arrived Dr. Herbert was able to set aside all of the chaos, trauma and heartache and continue to talk to the family and also allow them to be in the room. His compassion and selflessness shined through this tragedy as he continued to talk to the parents, allow them to be apart of the decision making process for their child and most of all let them see that everything that could possibly be done for their child in this situation had been accomplished for him and most of all for them. At that time the decision was made to stop all resuscitation efforts for the patient. This decision, as hard as it was, was made by the parents and Dr. Herbert. Dr. Herbert turned his attention the the parents and siblings and spent an incredible amount of time with them at the patients bedside. He made sure everyone of them was cared for to

the best of his ability while also caring for a full emergency room and his staff at the same time. Although the boy did not live despite all of the efforts by multiple agencies and staff, including Dr. Herbert, it was Dr. Herbert's empathy, selflessness and compassion that stood out on that tragic and horrible day.

Dr. Herbert also displays an incredible ability to listen and work with Paramedics in the community to create the best and most efficient treatment plan for patients in the teller county area. Dr. Herbert on numerous occasions has communicated, worked along side and listened to EMS personnel and came to conclusions that helped save multiple patients lives. During one call Dr. Herbert called for an ambulance transfer of a COPD patient who was brought in by a local ambulance. When we arrived the patient was becoming very lethargic and his work of breathing was increasing dramatically even on bipap. Myself and Dr. Herbert discussed the situation in detail and came to the conclusion that discontinuing bipap and Intubation the patient utilizing rapid sequence induction would be the best plan of action for the patient. Dr. Herbert performed the RSI on the patient and the patient was placed on a vent and transported to Penrose Main ICU. The patient was extubated a day later and released from the hospital only a few days after that. Dr. Herbert has shown many examples in the past year(s) of listening to EMS and his staff to ultimately do what is right for the patient and their families.

Pikes Peak Regional Hospital and the surrounding community are very blesses to have such a compassionate, selfless, committed and empathetic individual that is servicing their facility and their community. It is my hope and my belief that Dr. Herbert will continue to create many more memories and continue to go above and beyond his call of duty for years to come. So it is with a tremendous honor that a nominate Dr. Herbert, emergency physician at Pikes Peak Regional Hospital for the 2013 Plains to Peaks RETAC emergency physician award.



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**Subject:** Reference letter for Dr. Herbert, please let me know if you get this

Dear Kim Schallenberger,

I have the pleasure of working with Dr. Kent Herbert at the Pikes Peak Regional Hospital ER. He is a very personable doctor. His demeanor is calm and orderly. People of all ages receive appropriate and compassionate care from Kent. He can relate with children having raised 3 of his own. He has unending patience for the elderly. In traumas with him as lead doctor everything is addressed in a timely manner and the patients and family are included in the decision making processes. In cases of severe illness he is thorough and orders what is appropriate. He always addresses the patient's pain but also is thoughtful to not over prescribe narcotics. He keeps a positive attitude even in the most stressful situations. When I work with Dr. Herbert I know I'll be greeted with a smile.

Sincerely,

Sarah Holck RN, BSN, CEN, Pediatric CCRN