

*San Bernardino County Medical Society
2010 Outstanding Citizen Award*

presented to

Brenda Brennan, R.N., M.S.

This twenty-third day of June, in the year two thousand ten

Brenda Brennan is genuinely a woman driven by compassion who cares deeply about her community, her family, her faith, the environment and the world around her. She is an outstanding humanitarian and a model for all.

Brenda has served over 23 years as an emergency department clinical nurse specialist responsible for developing, implementing, evaluating and maintaining clinical programs related to the management of patients presenting for emergency care. She has used her talents and experience in multiple ways to donate time to her community. She is a sought-after member for local committees such as the Redlands Disaster Council and the San Bernardino Diocese Health Committee where she developed a template for school emergency response plans and provided in-service to 52 principals and 1,300 teachers. She developed the Pandemic Plan for schools and parishes and regularly presents workshops on emergency preparedness in collaboration with local fire departments, school districts, the National Catholic Educators Association, and the San Bernardino Sherriff Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).

A founding member of the MRC, Brenda has worked diligently since 2005 donating hundreds of hours as the MRC Training Officer, coordinating monthly trainings for 150 volunteers. She initiated efforts to better define the organization and unit composition, characterize unit activation, develop deployment and demobilization in conjunction with emergency operations; develop effective communications, ensure adequate recruitment, and assure high standards for the unit through careful screening of volunteers; establish training requirements and implement sufficient training and exercise. The impact she is making as a key leader in the program will allow the MRC to continue to be sustainable for years to come.

Brenda participates every year in MRC deployments assisting in disaster and emergency situations. Examples include the American Red Cross Shelter at the San Bernardino National Orange Show during the October 2007 mountain wildfires; the search for a missing hiker in the Green Valley Lake area in January 2008; the Red Cross Shelter at the Yucaipa Community Center providing medical assistance to evacuees from the Oak Glen and Pendleton fires in September 2009; and an overnight stay in Big Bear to set up a medical shelter during a severe winter storm in January 2010. She also participates in setting up a "field clinic" at the 5K/10K San Bernardino County Sheriff MUD Run and oversees safety and training of the MRC volunteer team to aid injured or exhausted runners.

Brenda has been recognized with numerous awards and certifications. Highly respected by her peers, friends, patients, and elected officials, she exemplifies the true community leader. The San Bernardino County Medical Society is proud to present her the 2010 Outstanding Citizen Award.

Rodney Borger

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President

