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Michigan EMS applauds hero pay proposal for first responders

The Michigan Association of Ambulance Services Executive Director Angela Madden issued the following statement after presentation of the Governor's Fiscal Year 2023 budget recommendations:

"For nearly two years now, our EMS heroes have been on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic, putting their own health at risk to help Michiganders. In the midst of a nationwide EMS staffing crisis, hardworking first responders have been working extra hours and longer days to make sure communities are covered. Governor Whitmer's proposal to give first responders one-time hero pay is a well-deserved thank you to our EMS heroes for all they do.

"We remain focused on working with the Governor and the Legislature on training funding to help us end the staffing crisis in EMS, and appreciate the proposal to thank first responder heroes already in the field."