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# Press Release

## Toledoan to be part of Presidential Inauguration medical contingent

Toledo, January 18, 2001: The Toledo Area Disaster Medical Assistance Team has been invited to send one of its members to Washington D. C. for the presidential inauguration this Saturday. John VanRynen, who is a registered nurse and respiratory therapist and has been a member of the Toledo disaster team since 1997. He will be part of a special medical contingent that will be in service this weekend to provide on site medical care to the thousands of people predicted to attend the inaugural event. VanRynen was selected from the team's membership of 120 for the mission because he was voted to be the team's Volunteer of the Year award recipient.

The Toledo team is composed of physicians, nurses, EMTs and support personnel from all over Northwest Ohio and has been based in Toledo since its inception in 1990. It is one of the top 21 disaster medical response teams in the country and has responded to events including hurricanes Andrew, Marilyn and Floyd. Each of the other highly trained teams in the country will provide one individual to the inaugural medical support effort which will be directed by the National Disaster Medical System's Office of Emergency Preparedness.

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