



Award Rules

1. All award nominations must be submitted on the appropriate nomination form.
2. Each nomination must be typed and fully completed.
3. Nominations must be signed by the person making the nomination.
4. A copy of the Pre-hospital Care Report (PCR) must be attached to each Lifesaving Award nomination. Other supporting documentation should be attached as well. Patient demographic information should be deleted from the PCR.
5. A maximum of four (4) persons per incident are eligible to receive a Lifesaving Award. These should be rescuers who were involved in direct patient care. Any additional rescuers may be nominated for EMS Citations.
6. For a Lifesaving Award supporting documentation must be provided to substantiate that the patient was completely resuscitated. A patient is considered to have been completely resuscitated when he or she is discharged from the hospital at pre-event functionality. Documentation from the receiving hospital (e.g. letter from Medical Director of Emergency Department) is required.

Please Note

Nominations are for events that took place in the calendar year of 2017.

The deadline for the nominations is **Wednesday, April 11, 2018.**

Each nomination submitted will be reviewed by the Awards Committee on an individual basis. If the above requirements are not met, or the nomination does not meet the criteria set for a specific award category, the Awards Committee reserves the right to disqualify such nominations.

Notification of the award recipients will be made, in writing, only to the nominator. The nominator will be responsible for contacting each award recipient with appropriate information regarding the ceremony.

Each agency may only submit 1 candidate for per award (not including lifesaving awards and unit citations).

Eligible award winners will be submitted to New York State for consideration in the State Council Annual EMS Awards.

All applications for the Westchester Regional EMS Council Annual Awards must be submitted on the application provided.



Lifesaving Award and Citations

Lifesaving Award

- Criteria To be awarded to EMS providers who, as primary care givers, displayed effective and appropriate medical treatment that resulted in the saving of a life. It must be documented that:
1. Patient was in respiratory arrest, cardiac arrest (medical or traumatic) and;
 2. Patient was completely resuscitated, that is, his/her physical and mental capabilities were significantly restored to the level that existed prior to the illness/injury. Documentation from the treating hospital must be attached to the nomination verifying this information.
- Eligibility Any individual involved in EMS who meets the criteria of a Life Saving Award above.
- Nominator Any administrative or operational officer from the agency with which the candidate is affiliated.

EMS Citation

- Criteria To be awarded to those individuals who materially assisted in the successful and expeditious provision of care that resulted in the Lifesaving Award being presented to the primary care givers.
- Eligibility Any individual involved in Emergency Medical Services who meets the above criteria.
- Nominator Any administrative or operational officer from the agency with which the candidate affiliates.

EMD Citation

- Criteria To be awarded to those individuals who, through emergency medical dispatch, assisted in the successful and expeditious provision of care that resulted in the Lifesaving Award being presented to the primary care givers.
- Eligibility Any individual involved in emergency dispatch who meets the above criteria.
- Nominator Any administrative or operational officer from the agency with which the candidate affiliates.

Unit Citation

- Criteria To be awarded the emergency service organization(s) that has demonstrated a commitment to the betterment of prehospital emergency medical care. Possible examples would be:
1. The institution of new and innovative programs
 2. Participation in a Mass Casualty Incident, or another large scale emergency response effort
 3. Documented improvements in organizational statistics, i.e. response times, patient survival rates, etc.
- Eligibility Any emergency service organization in the Westchester Region providing EMS
- Nominator Any administrative or operational officer representing the EMS organization being nominated.

Meritorious Service

- Criteria To be awarded to the emergency service providers or emergency dispatchers whose performance went "above and beyond" the call of duty in an effort to provide emergency medical care to a patient.
- Eligibility Any individual involved in Emergency Services (EMS, Fire, Police, Communications) who meets the above criteria. See next page for categories.
- Nominator Any administrative or operational officer from the agency with which the candidate affiliates.



Award Categories

Basic Life Support Provider of the Year

Criteria: An individual contribution to the community as a Certified First Responder (CFR) or Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (EMT-B). Dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skill or insight in the EMS environment.

Eligibility: NYS Certified CFR, EMT-B.

Advanced Life Support Provider of the Year

Criteria: Contribution to the community as an Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate (EMT-I), EMT-Critical Care Technician (EMT-CC), or Paramedic (EMT-P). Dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skill or insight in the EMS environment.

Eligibility: NYS Certified EMT-I, EMT-CC, EMT-P.

EMS Agency of the Year

Criteria: Any agency which strives for consistency in EMS excellence and exhibits exemplary performance when providing prehospital emergency medical care.

Eligibility: A NYS certified volunteer or career EMS agency, i.e., NYS certified ambulance service, fire department, police department, hospital emergency department, EMS council, dispatch organization, first responder unit, etc.

EMS Leadership Award

Criteria: Longevity, innovation/dedication, responsibility, executive and management skills in establishing, maintaining, promoting or expanding EMS organizations, agencies, committees at the community, regional and/or state level.

Eligibility: EMS Agency leader; local, county, regional, state EMS leader; medical/nursing/or career EMS leader.

EMS Educator of Excellence

Criteria: Individual who through outstanding teaching, educational administration/coordination, publication or research has maximally improved pre-hospital services at the local, county, regional or state level.

Eligibility: EMS Educator or equivalent

EMS Communications Specialist of the Year

Criteria: Contributions to the EMS community as a call receiving operator, dispatcher or call taker. Dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skill or insight to pre-hospital communications.

Eligibility: Employed or volunteer with an organized dispatch center in the Westchester Region.

Registered Professional Nurse of Excellence

Criteria: Contributions to the EMS community as a NYS registered professional nurse. Dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skill or insight in the pre-hospital environment.

Eligibility: New York State licensed registered professional nurse serving within the EMS System.

Physician of Excellence

Criteria: Contributions to the EMS community as a physician. Dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skill or insight in the pre-hospital environment.

Eligibility: NYS licensed physician serving an EMS system.

EMS Volunteer of the Year

Criteria: An individual contribution to the community as a Certified First Responder (CFR) or Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (EMT-B), Intermediate (EMT-I), EMT-Critical Care Technician (EMT-CC), or Paramedic (EMT-P). Dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skill or insight in the Volunteer EMS environment.

Eligibility: NYS Certified CFR, EMT-B, EMT-I, EMT-CC or EMT-P serving in a volunteer agency.



Civilian Award

Criteria: An individual contribution to the community by a civilian or an off-duty provider, who's selfless act during an emergency medical situation demonstrated commitment to helping his/her fellow man.

Eligibility: Civilian

Youth Provider of the Year

Criteria: Contributions by a 14 to 18 year old individual to the community as a certified first responder (CFR) or first aid certified. For dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skill or insight in the EMS community.

Eligibility: 14 to 18 year provider, NYS certified CFR or First Aid and affiliated with a first response agency (EMS, fire, police)

Excellence in EMS Quality and Safety

Criteria: The service must have implemented a practice or made a significant contribution that enhances the focus on the delivery of EMS in the community. The practice should lead to a measurable and sustained improvement in EMS provider safety, patient care quality and effectiveness, or efficiency of EMS Response or resource deployment. The application must include a program description, the methodology used to achieve change, a description of the outcomes and lessons learned that provide insight in to what it takes to accomplish and sustain a successful change.

Eligibility: Applicant is a NYS based EMS service or individual provider.

Dawson Award*

(Will be submitted for the SEMSCO "Commissioner of Health's Award of Excellence in EMS Activities")

Criteria: Exceptional contribution to EMS by an individual, broadly affecting the quality of EMS in the region.

Eligibility: Does not require a Regional agency or facility submission. May be nominated for any other award in the same year. This award may not be given every year. The Council will determine the process of selection.