



2024 EMS AWARDS

Thank you to all of our EMTs, Paramedics, Nurses and Physicians that support our Westchester Community

May 21, 2024

Tuesday, 6 PM

NOTABLE ATTENDEES



Joe Barca

WREMSCO Chair



George Latimer

Westchester County
Executive



Richard Wishnie

WCDES Commissioner



Susan Spear

WCDES Deputy
Commissioner



Ben Boykin

Westchester County Board of
Legislators for District 5

GUESTS OF HONOR

**AWARD RECIPIENTS
AND FAMILIES**

WELCOME

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

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

Tarrytown Volunteer Ambulance Corps

**BASIC LIFE SUPPORT
PROVIDER OF THE
YEAR**

WALTER HOO



ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

**“An individual contribution to the community as a
Emergency Medical Technician (Advanced) or
Emergency Medical Technician (Paramedic).
Dedication, responsibility, professional behavior,
ingenuity, special skill or insight in the EMS
environment.”**

Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

EVAN MARCH



EMS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:

“An individual contribution to the community as a Certified First Responder or Emergency Medical Technician (Basic, Advanced or Paramedic), with dedication, professionalism, ingenuity, special skill or insight in the pre-hospital volunteer EMS environment.”

Tarrytown Volunteer Ambulance Corps

EMS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

RAMON KAPOOR



YOUTH PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

“Contributions by a youth member to the community as a certified first responder (CFR) or first aid/AED certified. For dedication, responsibility, professionalism, ingenuity, special skill or insight in the EMS community.”

Briarcliff Manor Fire Department & Emergency
Medical Services

YOUTH PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

DANIEL SUGRUE



EMS AGENCY OF THE YEAR

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

EMS AGENCY OF THE YEAR

EASTCHESTER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS



EXCELLENCE IN EMS QA/QI

“The service must have implemented a practice or made a significant contribution that enhances the focus on the delivery of EMS in the community.”

Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps

**EXCELLENCE IN EMS
QA/QI**

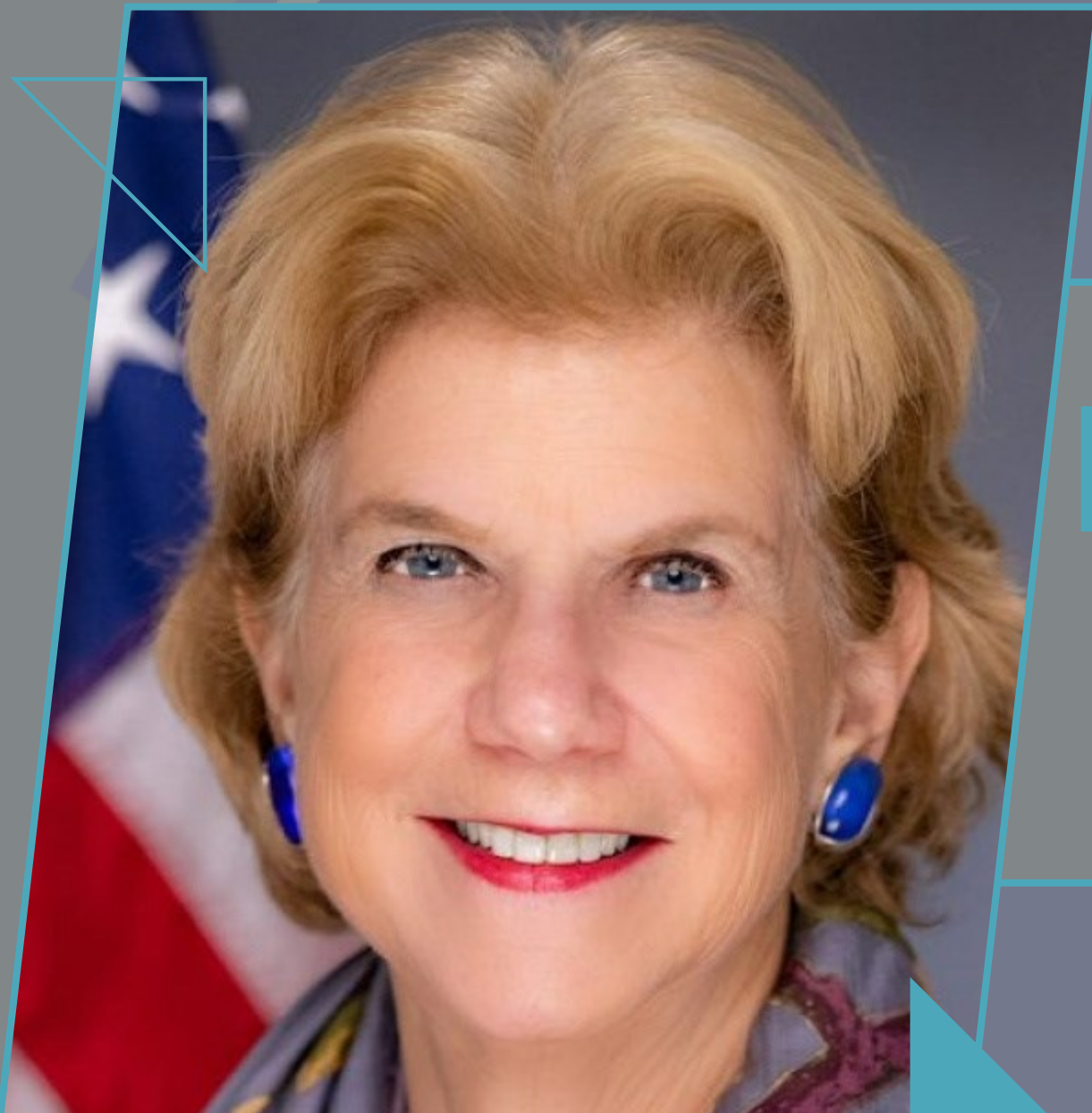
BETH SANGER



EMS LEADERSHIP AWARD

“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.”

EMS LEADERSHIP AWARD



SHELLY MEYER

**NEW YORK STATE SENATOR
37TH DISTRICT**



STEVEN OTIS

**ASSEMBLYMAN
DISTRICT 91**



Senator Shelley B. Mayer
Part of Westchester County
Senate District 37



EMS EDUCATOR OF EXCELLENCE

“EMS Educator of Excellence

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.”

Empress Emergency Medical Services

EMS EDUCATOR OF EXCELLENCE

ROBERT CUOMO



EMS COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR

**“EMS Communications Specialist of the Year
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.”**

**Westchester County
Department of Emergency Services**

**EMS COMMUNICATIONS
SPECIALIST OF THE
YEAR**

SAL ASTARITA



CIVILIAN AWARD

“An individual contribution to the community by a civilian who’s selfless act during an emergency medical situation demonstrated commitment to helping his/her fellow man.”

CIVILIAN AWARD

NIDHI KUMAR

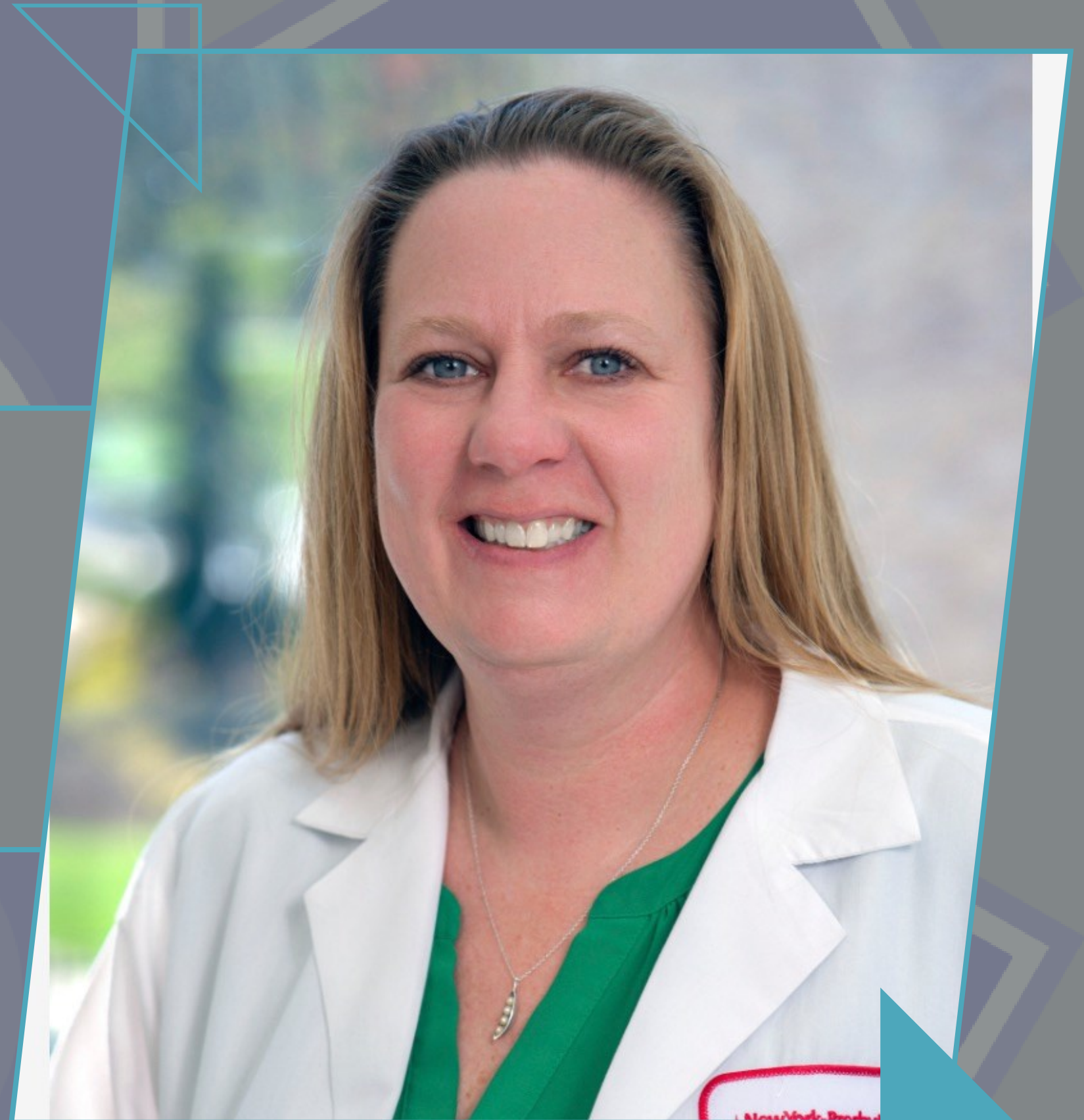
REGISTERED NURSE OF EXCELLENCE

“Contributions to the EMS community as a NYS RN or LPN with dedication, professionalism, ingenuity, special skill or insight in the pre-hospital environment.”

New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital

**REGISTERED NURSE
OF EXCELLENCE**

CASEY FORDE



PHYSICIAN OF EXCELLENCE

“Contributions to the EMS community as a NYS Licensed Physician with dedication, professionalism, ingenuity, special skill or insight in the pre-hospital environment.”

New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital

PHYSICIAN OF EXCELLENCE

DR. MARK SPOERER

DAWSON AWARD

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

New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital

DAWSON AWARD

DR. JOHN MCGURTY



EMS CITATION

“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.”

EMS CITATION

ARMONK FIRE DEPARTMENT

June 16th, 2023

Hannah Kreutzer

Brian Fenster

Mike Giaccio

September 10th, 2023

Carlos Cano

EMS CITATION

ARDSLEY-SECOR VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

July 23rd, 2023

Shijo Zacharias

Daniella Schwartz

Rishi Raj

Blake Rappaport

Edith Fung

Alan Greenwald

Steve Greenfeld

Andy DiJusto

EMS CITATION

BRIARCLIFF MANOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

September 2nd, 2023

James O'Donnell

John Marcel

Robert O'Hanlon

Camelo Labruzzo

George Racz

Gianna Galiani

Thomas Farrington

Sean Gonder

EMS CITATION

CORTLANDT REGIONAL PARAMEDICS

April 26th, 2023

Tori Hughes

EMS CITATION

HASTINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT

May 7th, 2023

Ernest Ostro
Sabine Reichart
Sean Gunther
Norman Vanemee
David Chen

July 19th, 2023

Yaron Cohen
Allen Golds
Jennifer Lee

EMS CITATION

CITY OF PEEKSKILL

April 26th, 2023

Peekskill Fire:

James Howard

Michael Sniffen

April 26th, 2023

Peekskill Fire:

James Howard

Marcos Suarez

Ryne Sheriden

Mark Carter

Chris Versace

Chris Rimm

Jake Polay

Peekskill PD:

Danielle Long

Ryan Bolson

Fabian Gonzalez

Kyle Weiskittel

Kyle Kreuzscher

EMS CITATION

YONKERS POLICE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT

January 3rd, 2023

Thomas Allison
Vincent Martirano

March 7th, 2023

Phil Rotonddo
Steve Alcantara

April 14th, 2023

Thomas Allison
Vincent Martirano

January 13th, 2023

Thomas Allison
Vincent Martirano

March 15th, 2023

Philip Rotondo
Steven Alcantara

August 31st, 2023

Max Gonzalez
Douglas Clayton

March 15th, 2023

Philip Rotondo
Steven Alcantara

August 31st, 2023

Max Gonzalez
Douglas Clayton

EMS CITATION

YONKERS POLICE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT

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December 18th, 2023

Thomas Allison
Vincent Martirano
Brian Bracken

December 22nd, 2023

Thomas Allison
Vincent Martirano
Arnando Cruz
Christopher McKeon

EMD CITATION

“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.”

EMD CITATION

60-CONTROL

February 20th, 2023 05:07:52

at Mamaroneck

Matthew DiPrinzio

July 19th, 2023 13:44:40

at Hastings

Salvatore Astarita

September 10th, 2023 03:20:08

at Mamaroneck

Alexander Dennett

November 26th, 2023 20:27:48

at Armonk

Nicholas Melillo

December 21st, 2023 8:03:04

at Peekskill

Jason Garcia

December 21st, 2023 15:21:09

at Pelham Manor

Jason Garcia

UNIT CITATION

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 related to EMS pre-hospital patient care**
- 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.**

UNIT CITATION

60-CONTROL

April 26th, 2023

Michael Leon

Jason Nickson

Kyrell Collins

Alex Camacho

Robert Brancroft

UNIT CITATION

AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE

April 26th, 2023

Janet Catala
Devan Quiles

UNIT CITATION

EMPRESS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Nicole Vega
Shukura Knox
Paul Mellamphy

April 26th, 2023

Ron Rugh
Bill Rothschild

November 3rd, 2023

Kareem Mosaed

December 17th, 2023

J. Brown

UNIT CITATION

MOUNT KISCO VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

April 26th, 2023

Jorge Gonzalez

Liz Hunter

Kyle Brown

UNIT CITATION

MOUNT KISCO FIRE DEPARTMENT

April 26th, 2023

John Hockstein
John Hochstein
Harold Hochstein
Robert Lombardo
Al Bueti
John Ohannes
Frank Randazzo
Glenn Marks
Mario Ramirez
Eric Hagen
Frank Duffy

Jeffrey Playford
Gilmar Palacios
Andrew Burns
Michael Johnston
Sean Johnston
Jason Garcia
James Johnston
Raymond Zaccari Jr.
Michael Minnella
Peter Hagen
John Hagen

Marcelo Videla
Robert Finch
Richard O'Connor
Robert Lombardo

UNIT CITATION

NEW CASTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

April 26th, 2023

Nicholas Cosentino

Sean McNeil

UNIT CITATION

WESTCHESTER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

April 26th, 2023

Hamlet Cuello

Al Kim

Matthew Wilson

Jason Hinkley

Kate Rubin

Brenda Aguilar

Sean Nikisher

Paul Ferch

Christian Ortega

Annabelle Donly

Mike Rivera

UNIT CITATION

WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM PEER SUPPORT TEAM

April 26th, 2023

Rob Barber

Cari Daddio

Mark Giuliano

Luci Labriola-Cuffe

Curtis St. John

Theresa Tippin

UNIT CITATION

YONKERS FIRE DEPARTMENT

May 30th, 2023

Jason Layug

Daniel Colon

Matthew Hammer

Anthony Pines

Jean-Paul Rodriguez

Frank Reilly

Cristian Atanacio

UNIT CITATION

YONKERS POLICE DEPARTMENT

March 10th, 2023

Theron Park
Max Gonzalez
Richard Rolo
Robbie Bleckman
Michael Messar

August 21st, 2023

Robie Bleckman
Richard Rolo
Turhan Brandon
Kieth Defino
Brian Bracken
Theron Park
David Barca

September 14th, 2023

Theron Park
James Waldron
Richard Rolo
Robie Bleckman
Kyle Brown
Brendan Moore
Thomas Allison
William Brusack
Brendan Moore

UNIT CITATION

YONKERS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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November 3rd, 2023

Thomas Allison
William Brusack
Brendan Moore
Theron Park
Max Gonzalez
Richard Rolo

December 17th, 2023

Thomas Allison
Theron Park

UNIT CITATION

YORKTOWN VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

April 26th, 2023

Rick Davin

Lirije Mustafaj

Luis Varela

Jeanne Pollock

LIFESAVING AWARD

“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.”**

LIFESAVING AWARD

ARDSLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

July 23rd, 2023

Nicholas Guccione

Brendon Mavra

LIFESAVING AWARD

ARMONK FIRE DEPARTMENT

June 16th, 2023

Sonny Vataj
Julie Gallagher
Joelle Margolin
Brenan Molloy

September 10th, 2023

Brian Fenster
Ernie Lombardi
Megrin Nezaj
Robin Lovell

November 26th, 2023

Carlos Cano

LIFESAVING AWARD

BRIARCLIFF MANOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

September 2nd, 2023

Stephen Sugrue
Vincent Neinstedt
Daniel Sugrue
Kamil Ramkaran

LIFESAVING AWARD

CORTLANDT REGIONAL PARAMEDICS

April 26th, 2023

Jennifer Hunt
Elizabeth LaPadula
Brendan Pogue
Kristin Wenzel

August 15th, 2023

Lori Bueti

December 21st, 2023

Jackson Baker
Michael Baumblatt

LIFESAVING AWARD

DOBBS FERRY FIRE DEPARTMENT

December 2nd, 2023

Benjamin Catania
Norbert Chrostowski
Swapnil Pandya

LIFESAVING AWARD

EASTCHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT

June 15th, 2023

Domenick DiRienzo

Paul Keindl

Victor Tomasini

John Vernazza

October 16th, 2023

Frank Greenbaum

John Howes

Louis Monaco IV

Robert Pintavalle

December 3rd, 2023

Daniel Oliver

Joseph Rogliano

Michael O'Leary

Brendan O'Loughlin

LIFESAVING AWARD

EASTCHESTER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

February 19th, 2023

Gary Reben

Robert Raynes

June 13th, 2023

Jade Rodriguez

Joe Bucchignano

Michael Kirkpatrick

June 15th, 2023

Kerri Conrad

Hunter Koch

Nicholas Rubeo

Christopher Herrick

Brianna Costa

LIFESAVING AWARD

EASTCHESTER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

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October 16th, 2023

Andreas Fell
Samjo Samson
Madison Kelly
Louis Gentile
Jake Rodriguez
John Wallace

December 3rd, 2023

Elizabeth Raguso
Hudson Marciano
Jade Rodriguez
Gary Reben

LIFESAVING AWARD

EMPRESS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

January 3rd, 2023

Christian Van Hecke

Juan Dejesus Manzarron-Benitez

January 13th, 2023

Ajeta Mujaj

Nicholas Irizarry

Joel Peguero

February 20th, 2023

Michael Ceriani

Dominique Burton

Emmanuel Vasquez-Almaraz

March 7th, 2023

Matthew Jones

Jeremy Portorreal

Kriss Xolocotzi

May 12th, 2023

Danielle Tardio

Kelby Martinez

Christopher Pinnock

Patricia Rodriguez

LIFESAVING AWARD

EMPRESS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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May 22nd, 2023

My-Quan Alston
Mirsha Hernandez
Samaiya Lima-Collazo

June 9th, 2023

Palmiro Echevarria
David DeLorbe

July 1st, 2023

Palmiro Echevarria
Daniel Breitman
Jillian Brown

July 9th, 2023

Danielle Tardio
Nicholas Chalk
Juan Pintado

August 26th, 2023

Kristina Rella
Dainy Estrada

August 31st, 2023

Soshana Bonnick
Ryan Carty
Kayla Singleton
Andes Rivera

LIFESAVING AWARD

EMPRESS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

October 12th, 2023

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Michael Ceriani
Brandon Gonzalez
Melonie King
Ashley Scott

October 20th, 2023

Paul Mellamphy
Thomas Guerriero
Alex Santaquilani

November 12th, 2023

Andres Rivera
Mariah Franco

December 3rd, 2023

Brendan Leak
John Wallace

December 19th, 2023

Jonathan Castillo
Bryan Lucero

December 21st, 2023

Daniela Delgado
Ajeta Mujaj
Nicole Vega

LIFESAVING AWARD

GREENBURGH POLICE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

April 21st, 2023

John Cunningham

May 7th, 2023

Mike Usher

July 19th, 2023

Michael Guarino

July 23rd, 2023

Joseph Kelly

Brian Boer

November 11th, 2023

Donny Izzo

LIFESAVING AWARD

HARRISON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

July 5th, 2023

Justin Bayer

Samantha Ganz

Toni Verano

David Palombo

December 13th, 2023

Justin Bayer

Samantha Ganz

Toni Verano

Sage Richman

LIFESAVING AWARD

HASTINGS FIRE DEPARTMENT

May 7th, 2023

Cathy Gunther

July 19th, 2023

Mike O'Toole

LIFESAVING AWARD

HASTINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

May 7th, 2023

Brandon King
Thomas Gunther

July 19th, 2023

Stephanie Minor
Edward Fattorini

LIFESAVING AWARD

MOHEGAN VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

August 15th, 2023

Katherine Seipel

Jazmin Garth

LIFESAVING AWARD

MOUNT KISCO VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

August 19th, 2023

Guy Singer

Benjamin Tillem

Robert Hartmann

LIFESAVING AWARD

PEEKSKILL VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

December 21st, 2023

Jenna Kenny
Kelly McGovern

LIFESAVING AWARD

SLEEPY HOLLOW VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

October 20th, 2023

Simon Cohen

Angela Martello

Maria Martello

Michael Kremins

LIFESAVING AWARD

TARRYTOWN VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

April 21st, 2023

Michael Farley

Sawyer Hershman

Chris Belfont

November 11th, 2023

Brent Ehlberg

Walter Hoo

Dr. Judy Siegel

LIFESAVING AWARD

TOWN OF MAMARONECK AMBULANCE DISTRICT

February 20th, 2023

William Rothschild

Marjori Mendes

February 26th, 2023

Andrew Wood

September 11th, 2023

Andrew Wood

December 24th, 2023

Jackson Baker

Shawn Barrow

Luke Murphy

LIFESAVING AWARD

VILLAGE OF MAMARONECK POLICE DEPARTMENT

February 20th, 2023

Andrew Benkwitt

Jake Puccella

LIFESAVING AWARD

WESTCHESTER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Cooper Cardenas

Tyler Videla

Dennis McLane

Faisal Butt

Richard Blackley

Jorge Gonzalez

Clancy Schwartz

Chancy Law

Jorge Reyes

Christian Uy

Jason Hinkley

Brenda Aguilar

LIFESAVING AWARD

CITY OF YONKERS

YONKERS POLICE

November 12th, 2023

Theron Park

Jason Philipps

Thomas Allison

Richard Iriarte

YONKERS FIRE

May 30th, 2023

Brandon Jakob

YONKERS POLICE ESU

Thomas Allison x 6

Vincent Martirano x 6

Brian Bracken

Phil Rotondo

Steve Alcantara

Max Gonzalez

Douglas Clayton

Richard Fernandez

Angelo Manganiello

Arnando Cruz

Christopher McKeon



WREMSCO

WESTCHESTER REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP



Joe Barca
Chairperson



Richard Blackley
Vice Chairperson



Cesar Perez
Treasurer



Nick Franzoso
Secretary



Dr. Erik Larsen
REMAC Chair



WESTCHESTER REGIONAL EMS COUNCIL SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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Joe Barca

REMSCO Chairman

This year's EMS week theme, "Honoring Our Past, Forging Our Future," acknowledges how far EMS has come, from driving the local hearse ambulance and using a suitcase-size radio to APs and skills that couldn't have been conceived before.

Our training and experiences have allowed us to provide the best pre-hospital care possible, and our training keeps improving.

In recognition of this important event, the Westchester County Department of Emergency Services is taking the opportunity to acknowledge the county/regional EMS community's vital role in our local healthcare system.

Our EMS community has been the backbone of our healthcare system, rising to every challenge our communities have faced. We want to express our gratitude for their unwavering commitment, for showing up, stepping up, and for staying with us throughout the years.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy

THANK YOU!

50TH

ANNIVERSARY



EMS WEEK

May 19-25, 2024



HONORING OUR PAST.



FORGING OUR FUTURE.



WREMSCO



2024 EMS AWARDS

THANK YOU!