

Westchester Regional EMS Council

EMS Service Awards and Lifesaving Award

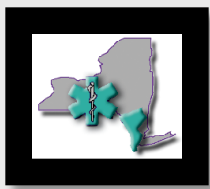


Award Rules

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 **2024**.
- All nominations must be received by the Westchester REMSCO Office by the close of business day **Tuesday, April 1st, 2025**.
- All applications for the Westchester Regional EMS Council Annual Awards *must be submitted on the application provided*.
- 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 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.



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Lifesaving Award and Citations

Lifesaving Award

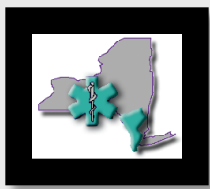
- ❖ **Criteria:** To be awarded to EMS providers who, as primary care giver(s), displayed effective and appropriate medical treatment that resulted in the saving of a life. It must be documented that:
 - (1) Patient was in cardiac arrest (medical or traumatic) where the patient was apneic, pulseless, and unresponsive to painful stimuli;
 - (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.



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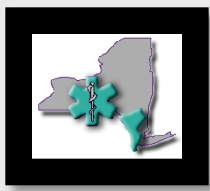


Unit Citation

- ❖ **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 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.
- ❖ **Eligibility:** Any emergency service organization (EMS, Fire, Police, Communications, or group that assisted in providing care to patients at an incident) in the Westchester Region providing EMS
- ❖ **Nominator:** Any administrative or operational officer representing the NYS EMS organization being nominated. Please note the agency being nominated must have a NYS BEMS Agency Code.

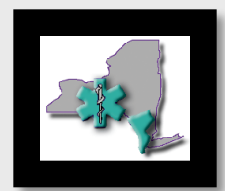
Meritorious Service

- ❖ **Criteria:** To be awarded to the emergency service provider(s) 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.



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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). Dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skill or insight in the EMS environment.
- ❖ **Eligibility:** NYS Certified CFR, EMT.

Advanced Life Support Provider of the Year

- ❖ **Criteria:** An individual contribution to the community as an Advanced EMT-(AEMT) or Paramedic (EMT-P). Dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skill or insight in the EMS environment.
- ❖ **Eligibility:** NYS Certified AEMT, EMT-P.

EMS Volunteer of the Year

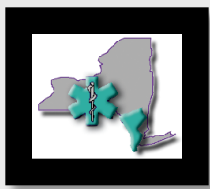
- ❖ **Criteria:** An individual contribution to the community as a Certified First Responder or Emergency Medical Technician (Basic, Advanced or Paramedic), with dedication, professionalism, ingenuity, special skill or insight in the pre-hospital volunteer EMS environment.
- ❖ **Eligibility:** NYS Certified CFR, EMT, AEMT, or EMT-P serving in a volunteer agency.

Youth Provider of the Year

- ❖ **Criteria:** Contributions by a 14 to 16-year-old individual 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.
- ❖ **Eligibility:** 14 to 16-year-old provider, NYS CFR or First Aid/AED certified, and affiliated with a first response agency (EMS, fire, police).

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 transporting EMS agency.



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Excellence in EMS QA/QI

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

EMS Leadership of the Year 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:** A NYS certified transporting EMS agency.

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:** A NYS Certified EMS Educator.

EMS Communications Specialist of the Year

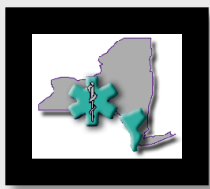
- ❖ **Criteria:** Contributions to the EMS community as a call receiving operator, dispatcher or call taker. Dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skill or insight to pre-hospital communications.
- ❖ **Eligibility:** Employed or volunteer with an organized dispatch center in the Westchester Region.

Civilian Award

- ❖ **Criteria:** 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.
- ❖ **Eligibility:** Civilian

Nurse of Excellence

- ❖ **Criteria:** Contributions to the EMS community as a NYS RN or LPN with dedication, professionalism, ingenuity, special skill or insight in the pre-hospital environment.
- ❖ **Eligibility:** New York State licensed RN or LPN serving within the Westchester Region.



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Physician of Excellence

- ❖ **Criteria:** Contributions to the EMS community as a NYS Licensed Physician with dedication, professionalism, ingenuity, special skill or insight in the pre-hospital environment.
- ❖ **Eligibility:** New York State Licensed Physician serving within the Westchester Region.

Dawson Award

- ❖ **Criteria:** Exceptional contribution to EMS by an individual, broadly affecting the quality of EMS in the region.
- ❖ **Eligibility:** Exceptional contribution to EMS by an individual, broadly affecting the quality of EMS in the region. This award may not be given every year. The Committee will determine the process of selection.
 - *This individual will be submitted for the SEMSCO “Commissioner of Health’s Award of Excellence in EMS Activities”*

Notes*

- ✓ Please make sure all paperwork is submitted together, we will not accept incomplete submissions
- ✓ All paperwork must be typed
- ✓ If emailing paperwork, please submit to awards@wremSCO.org and if you do not get a confirmation email please contact us.
- ✓ If you have any questions, please contact the EMS Office (914) 231-1616