



Instructions for the Westchester Regional EMS Council Annual Awards

CATEGORIES

The Westchester Regional EMS Council presents awards in several categories. These awards are presented at the Annual Awards Ceremony in **May**.

Award categories are presented as follows:

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, whose selfless act during an emergency medical situation demonstrated commitment to helping his/her fellow man.

Eligibility: Civilian

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.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Applications for these awards may be based on a pattern of activities that have culminated in a significant improvement of an Emergency Medical Services System in the region. The application may also be based on a single unusual event that was beyond ordinary duty. Each application must be clearly and completely documented to be considered. Where individual events are cited, they must be documented in detail giving times, places, description of event, names of witnesses, etc. Applications for a pattern of activities must be all-inclusive providing details of activities, dates and describing the specific impact that the individual has had on EMS in their region. Applications recognizing a single event must be based on that event occurring **in the calendar year of 2011**.

All applications for the Westchester Regional EMS Council Annual Awards must be submitted on the application provided. **NO ATTACHMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED. THE APPLICATION FORM MUST BE TYPE WRITTEN IN NO LESS THAN A 12 FONT TO BE CONSIDERED.** These requirements must be adhered to since the winning applications are forwarded to the New York State EMS Council and this is their mandatory format. All materials submitted will become the property of the Westchester Regional EMS Council, cannot be returned and may be used in subsequent public announcements. As mentioned above, Recipients in each category will be submitted to the New York State EMS Council for the annual awards presented at the Vital Signs Conference each fall.

Each individual can be considered for only one award category annually and the nominees must be submitted to the Regional EMS Council by a regional emergency service agency, 911 Receiving Hospital or Emergency Communications Center. **EACH ORGANIZATION MAY SUBMIT ONLY ONE CANDIDATE IN EACH OF THE ELEVEN CATEGORIES.** NOMINATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN **JANUARY 20TH OF 2012** TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE WESTCHESTER REGIONAL-EMS COUNCIL.

The Council will choose a single candidate in each category who will be recognized at the Annual Regional Awards Ceremony in **May**.