



# Westchester Regional EMS Council

**To:** EMS Agencies  
Fire Agencies  
Police Departments  
Emergency Communications Centers  
911 Receiving Hospitals

**From:** Westchester Regional EMS Council

**Re:** Annual Awards

**Date:** November 2011

After much consideration, the Westchester Regional EMS Council (WREMSCO) will be combining our two very popular awards programs (EMS Awards and EMS Appreciation Day) into one event to be held during the nationally celebrated EMS Week in May. A formal awards program with a small reception will take the place of the catered dinner and the Playland picnic. At this one ceremony, all the awards that were presented at these two events will be bestowed.

In addition, the WREMSCO was notified by the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of EMS that the deadline for the annual State EMS Awards has been changed and the date is much earlier than in the past. The deadline now for the State awards is **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Therefore, our deadline for our awards will reflect this change and is now **January 20<sup>th</sup>**.

The requirements for qualifying and submitting for all our awards will remain the same as in previous years. Please see the attached Categories and Rules for both the EMS Awards (EMT of the Year, Paramedic of the Year, etc.) and the EMS Service Awards (Lifesaving, Meritorious Service, etc.) for a more defined description of the awards and the requirements. All nominations for all the awards must be postmarked no later than **JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>** to be considered.

The EMS Awards Applications recognizing a single event must be based on that event occurring during the calendar year of **2011**. The EMS Service Awards will take into consideration that the Playland event did not take place this year. The timeline for these nominations is **August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011**. Please remember, it is the responsibility of the nominator to verify the correct spelling of the first and last name of the candidate(s).

Please note that this notice will be the only format you will be receiving in regards to the nomination application, descriptions and eligibility criteria for the categories, and the rules and regulations of the awards program. The information will not be mailed by USPS. All the forms can be downloaded from the REMSCO website, [www.wremSCO.org](http://www.wremSCO.org). **APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN TO BE CONSIDERED.**

If you have any questions, please contact the WREMSCO office at (914) 231-1616.