



Blue Ridge Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.

BREMS 2020 Regional Awards Nomination Guidelines

- Anyone may submit nominations for the Regional EMS Awards.
- For all categories the nomination may be based on a pattern of conduct/activities that has culminated in an exceptional improvement of the emergency medical services system in the locality, region or state.
- Using the official 2020 Nomination Form on the Regional EMS Council Web page (each category has its own nomination form), nominations can be submitted electronically or typed on the 2020 Nomination Form and mailed/emailed to the Regional EMS Council.
- The person making the nomination should have extensive knowledge of the nominee's qualifications and carefully select the category that most appropriately matches the nominee's accomplishments.
- The nominee must have current licensure or certification in the category in which he or she has been nominated.
- Up to three supporting documents may be submitted: including letters of commendation, newspaper/periodical articles, a brief resume and other materials may be attached to the nomination form, but only three will be accepted.
- Any nomination that is not submitted through the Regional Awards Program is invalid and will not be presented to the Governor's EMS Awards Selection Committee.

Deadline For Nominations:

Thursday, May 7, 2020; 5:00 pm

Regional EMS Awards Selection Process

The Blue Ridge EMS Regional Winners will be selected by the BREMS Award Committee. The committee is comprised of past regional award winners. Feel free to fill out the short nomination form on the BREMS website and <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/emergency-medical-services/regional-ems-awards-downloadable-nomination-forms/>

Presentation of Awards

Blue Ridge EMS Regional Award Banquet
Thursday, June 18, 2020; 6:30 pm
City View by the James
828 Main Street, Lynchburg, Va. 24504

INQUIRIES

For further information, please contact BREMS Council. (434) 947-5934 or
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CRITERIA FOR AWARDS

Excellence in EMS

CRITERIA: An individual who exemplifies outstanding dedication and service to the statewide Virginia emergency medical services system, and has demonstrated a commitment to a comprehensive, integrated system of emergency medical services throughout the Commonwealth.

ELIGIBILITY: Any individual engaged in emergency medical services.

Innovation Excellence in EMS **New******

CRITERIA: An EMS provider, EMS agency or private/public organization involved in Emergency Medical Services that exemplifies innovative excellence and advancement in the statewide Virginia Emergency Medical Services system, and that has demonstrated a commitment to an innovation, comprehensive and unified system of Emergency Medical Services throughout the Commonwealth.

ELIGIBILITY: Any individual, EMS agency, program, organization, public or private entity involved in Emergency Medical Services.

Outstanding EMS Leadership *(formerly named Outstanding EMS Administrator)*

CRITERIA: An individual who has demonstrated ability to organize, conduct, manage, problem solve and evaluate within his or her organization and, by exemplary leadership and administrative skills, improve the effectiveness, response and delivery of EMS.

ELIGIBILITY: Any person responsible for chairing, presiding over, supervising or administering EMS organizations and/or personnel in Virginia.

Outstanding EMS Agency

CRITERIA: An EMS agency that exemplifies outstanding professionalism and service to its community; whose high level of patient care is evident by innovative training, community awareness, preventive health programs, public relations efforts and participation in local, regional and statewide EMS systems.

ELIGIBILITY: Any currently licensed or official agency that is recognized by the state or federal government that is based in Virginia and is directly responsible for responding to emergencies or disasters and providing the direct delivery of care. Includes governmental, commercial, volunteer, hospital, industrial and air ambulance services.

Outstanding Contribution to EMS for Children

CRITERIA: An individual, organization or program that exemplifies outstanding dedication and service to the contribution, development and/or enhancement of EMS for children in Virginia.

ELIGIBILITY: An individual, organization or program with a significant contribution to the development or enhancement of EMS for children in Virginia. Services cover a continuum of care, from injury prevention to prehospital care, emergency department and hospital services, and rehabilitation.

Outstanding Contribution to EMS Emergency Preparedness and Response

CRITERIA: Any individual, EMS organization or EMS response group within the Commonwealth of Virginia that has demonstrated comprehensive and/or significant accomplishments for programs that provide preparedness, response and recovery from natural, man-made and preplanned events, which cause a significant impact on the agency and the community. These activities should directly relate to and impact the provision of emergency medical care during these events.

ELIGIBILITY: Any individual, EMS organization or EMS response group within the Commonwealth of Virginia

Examples of programs meeting eligibility for this award would include; Disaster Response Teams, Community Emergency Response Teams, Continuity of Operations Planning, Mass Casualty Incident Training programs, pandemic planning and surge event planning. Eligible applicants include persons or entities developing or managing such programs.

Outstanding Contribution to EMS Health & Safety

CRITERIA: Any individual, program, business or licensed EMS Agency within the Commonwealth of Virginia that has demonstrated comprehensive and/or significant accomplishments/programs that make a significant contribution to or provide for the health, safety and welfare of EMS providers.

ELIGIBILITY: Any individual, program, business or licensed EMS Agency within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Examples of programs meeting eligibility for this award would include EMS provider health and wellness programs (fitness and wellness, cardiovascular health), scene safety programs (aeromedical operations, emergency vehicle operations), and provider injury prevention programs (injury prevention at violent scenes) designed to prevent line of duty death and injury. Eligible applicants include persons or entities developing or managing such programs.

Nurse with Outstanding Contribution to EMS

CRITERIA: A nurse who exemplifies outstanding service in emergency medical services; knowledge and performance of EMS nursing skills; and high standards of cooperation and leadership with other EMS personnel and agencies. Highest consideration is given to performing a nursing role in a hospital or clinical setting such as precepting or quality assurance programs. Nurses who have demonstrated excellence as a prehospital provider or instructor should be nominated for those categories.

ELIGIBILITY: Any Virginia licensed nurse serving in an active position.

Physician with Outstanding Contribution to EMS

CRITERIA: An EMS physician who exemplifies outstanding leadership and dedication in the exercise of prehospital care.

ELIGIBILITY: Any licensed physician who is actively involved with prehospital care, training or mentorship of prehospital providers in the Commonwealth. This can include emergency room physicians, operational medical directors, or other physicians who dedicate their time and knowledge to furthering education and patient care in EMS.

Outstanding Prehospital Educator

CRITERIA: A provider who exemplifies outstanding teaching and leadership qualities while participating as an educator in an EMS program. Must have coordinated or consistently demonstrated excellence and a dedication to the education of prehospital EMS providers. The nominee must have participated as an instructor, coordinator or adjunct faculty in an EMS program for at least two years. Educational programs include: First Responder, EMT-B, EMT Enhanced, EMT Intermediate, EMT Paramedic, continuing education courses, preceptor programs or equivalent EMS training.

ELIGIBILITY: A Virginia EMS educator.

Outstanding Prehospital Provider

CRITERIA: An individual who exemplifies outstanding dedication and service to his or her community through involvement with EMS. An individual that serves a mentor in growth and development of the EMS field.

ELIGIBILITY: Any individual who routinely provides prehospital care, primarily in Virginia, is affiliated with at least one Virginia licensed EMS agency and who is certified as a prehospital EMS provider by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Outstanding EMS Telecommunications Dispatcher

CRITERIA: An emergency medical telecommunicator, public safety answering point administrator, supervisor or training officer whose outstanding dedication and service has demonstrated an exceptional contribution to the improved delivery of emergency medical services in the local, regional or statewide EMS system.

ELIGIBILITY: An emergency medical telecommunicator, public safety answering point administrator, supervisor or training officer who is employed or volunteers with an organized emergency medical services dispatch center or public safety answering point in Virginia.

Outstanding Contribution to EMS by a High School Senior This competitive \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior who has been affiliated with an EMS agency within the (insert region) EMS Region for at least six months, and who is currently enrolled or will be enrolled in an institution of higher learning or an accredited ALS training program in the coming year.