



2017 PENNSYLVANIA STATE E.M.S. AWARDS

Nomination Form

“Credible Professionals, Doing Incredible Work”

- * BLS Practitioner of the Year
- * ALS Practitioner of the Year
- * EMS Educator of the Year
- * EMS Communications Award
- * Dr. George Moerkirk Memorial Outstanding Contributions to EMS Award
- * Amanda Wertz Memorial EMS for Children Award
- * David J. Lindstrom EMS Innovation Award
- * Rescue Service of the Year
- * EMS Agency of the Year

Each year, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, with the assistance of the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council (PEHSC) recognizes individuals, groups, and organizations that have made a significant contribution to Pennsylvania’s EMS System.

This year’s award recipients will be recognized during a luncheon on September 21, 2017 at the DoubleTree Resort in Lancaster, PA as part of the Pennsylvania State EMS Conference.

All nominations must be received by PEHSC on or before July 15, 2017 using the attached form; incomplete nominations will not be accepted or processed. Selection preference is typically given to nominees who have not been past state EMS award recipients.

Visit www.pehsc.org to download additional nomination forms

2017 PENNSYLVANIA STATE E.M.S. AWARD NOMINATION FORM

STEP 1. NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone # _____

County _____ EMS Region _____

EMS Certification Level _____ Certification# _____

Agency Affiliate# _____
(For EMS Agency of the Year Award)

EMS Agency Affiliation _____

STEP 2. NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone# _____

I agree to assist PEHSC with coordination of the award presentation: YES I AM UNABLE TO ASSIST AS REQUESTED

STEP 3. AWARD NOMINATION (SELECT ONE)

<input type="checkbox"/> BLS PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR DESCRIPTION: To honor an individual basic life support provider who has contributed significantly to the development and growth of emergency medical services in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. ELIGIBILITY: Those who are currently certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Health as an Emergency Medical Responder [First Responder] or Emergency Medical Technician and have made significant contributions by utilizing their basic life support skills during an emergency situation or in any of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentoring of prehospital care practitioners. • Planning and development of basic life support systems. • Research in prehospital medicine. • Leadership among peers. 	<input type="checkbox"/> ALS PRACTITIONER OF THE YEAR DESCRIPTION: To honor an individual advanced life support provider who has contributed significantly to the development and growth of advanced life support in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. ELIGIBILITY: Those who are currently certified by the Pennsylvania Department of Health as a Paramedic, Prehospital Registered Nurse, Prehospital Physician Extender, or Prehospital Physician and have made a significant contribution by utilizing their advanced life support skills during an emergency situation, or in any of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentoring of prehospital care practitioners. • Planning and development of advanced life support systems. • Leadership in the advancement of the paramedic as an allied health professional. • Research in prehospital medicine. • Leadership among peers.
<input type="checkbox"/> EMS EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR DESCRIPTION: To honor an individual EMS educator who has contributed to the development and growth of EMS education in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. ELIGIBILITY: A certified Pennsylvania EMS Instructor or education professional who has advanced EMS education in any of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership in the advancement of instructional techniques, or; • Serving as an instructor in basic and/or advanced life support programs. • Public information and education programs focused on health, safety or community EMS awareness. 	<input type="checkbox"/> EMS COMMUNICATIONS AWARD DESCRIPTION: To honor an individual(s) or group who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of emergency medical dispatch or EMS communications system planning/administration in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. ELIGIBILITY: An EMD certified telecommunicator, or system planner/administrator who has made a significant contribution in any of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership in providing education programs for EMS communications and field personnel with regard to the Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) system. • Leadership in community education on the 911 system and emergency medical dispatch • Planning or administration of an emergency medical dispatch system • Management of a crisis situation which led to the improvement of an emergency incident. • Leadership among peers.

<p><input type="checkbox"/> DR. GEORGE MOERKIRK MEMORIAL OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO EMS AWARD</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This award is in memory of George E. Moerkirk, M.D., Past President of PEHSC. Dr. Moerkirk was instrumental in the development and growth of Pennsylvania’s EMS system. He provided EMS education to EMTs and paramedics and was actively involved in clinical care as a medical command physician and facility director. Dr. Moerkirk was known throughout Pennsylvania as the “father of EMS.”</p> <p>ELIGIBILITY: This award honors an individual(s) or organization who has provided a significant contribution to the Pennsylvania’s EMS system in any of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statewide, regional, or local-level system development or administration. • EMS agency development or administration. • Advancement in clinical care. • Education/Professional Development • Medical Direction • Research • Advancement in safety or illness/injury prevention. • Vehicle and/or technical rescue 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> AMANDA E. WERTZ MEMORIAL EMS FOR CHILDREN AWARD</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This award is in memory of Amanda E. Wertz, daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth Wertz. Amanda was a child with special health care needs who died suddenly in 2001 at the age of 14 and whose parents were both active paramedics in Pennsylvania for many years. The purpose of the award is to honor an EMS provider who has made a difference in the lives of children in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in accordance with the mission of the EMSC program.</p> <p>ELIGIBILITY: This award honors an individual who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functions in any aspect of pediatric emergency care. • Has been involved in emergency services for more than three years. • Demonstrates good judgment, compassion, and a genuine interest in the provision of quality pediatric care. • Pursues professional development through continuing education in pediatric emergency care.
<p><input type="checkbox"/> DAVID J. LINDSTROM EMS INNOVATION AWARD</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This award honors the lifetime achievements of one of the organizers of the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council, who is recognized for his leadership skills, innovative thinking, and meaningful actions which improved Pennsylvania’s EMS system. This award is made possible as a result of a philanthropic gift from Mr. Peter Weiss, retired Penn State Systems Engineer for Teleprocessing.</p> <p>ELIGIBILITY: This award recognizes an individual who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is at least 21 years of age • Has provided patient care in the field as a Pennsylvania certified EMS provider • Has demonstrated effective leadership in the field of emergency health care by creating innovative programs or projects to improve the quality of prehospital patient care, emergency care education, or emergency medical services operations 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> EMS AGENCY OF THE YEAR</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: To honor a Pennsylvania EMS agency for their contribution to the development and growth of quality prehospital care within their community, while complying with the rules and regulations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Each year two (2) awards may be presented honoring one (1) small volume (<1,500 responses) and (1) medium to large volume (>1,500 responses) EMS agency – please include call volume in the nomination statement.</p> <p>ELIGIBILITY: This award recognizes an EMS agency that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a licensed Pennsylvania EMS agency. • Complies with applicable EMS statutes, rules and regulations. • Participates in community oriented activities (CPR Training, School Programs, EMS Week activities, etc.) • Demonstrates a consistent pattern of rapid response times and adequate staffing levels. • Works cooperatively with surrounding public safety organizations. • Emphasizes provider education and professional development activities.
<p><input type="checkbox"/> RESCUE SERVICE OF THE YEAR</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: To honor a rescue service for their contribution to the development and growth of the provision of quality rescue services within their community.</p> <p>ELIGIBILITY: This award recognizes a Pennsylvania rescue service that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participates in community oriented activities. • Demonstrates a consistent pattern of rapid response times and adequate staffing levels. • Cooperates with surrounding public safety organizations. • Emphasizes personnel training, continuing education, and professional development. • Recognizes the importance of medically-directed rescue operations. 	

STEP 4. NOMINATION STATEMENT

Please state why the candidate deserves this honor in 250 words or less (attach additional sheets if necessary). Include information on the candidate's length and type of active EMS service, training/education/certifications, organizational affiliations and offices held, past awards/honors, community involvement or other pertinent information. Also, if available, provide a high resolution color digital photograph of the nominee (in uniform if possible).

STEP 5. SUBMIT NOMINATION

Submit the completed nomination to: **2017 STATE EMS AWARDS NOMINATIONS**
C/O PEHSC
600 WILSON LANE, SUITE 101
MECHANICSBURG, PA 17055
FAX: (717) 795-0741
EMAIL: PEHSC@PEHSC.ORG

If you have questions or require assistance to submit your nomination, please contact PEHSC at (800)243-2EMS or (717)795-0740.