

2014 Vermont EMS Awards Information

Vermont EMS Awards will be presented at the State House during National EMS Week – May 18th-24th. This year we will be presenting the following awards: First Responder Agency of the Year, Ambulance Service of the Year, BLS Provider of the Year, ALS Provider of the year, and Educator of the Year. Please take a moment to review the following criteria and consider nominating an individual or organization you feel is worthy of recognition.

Nomination Procedure:

Please provide a nomination letter that includes the nominee's name, title and EMS organization, and reasons for nominating. **Nominations are welcome from anyone wishing to have a person or organization recognized and should be emailed to Jessica Freire at jessica.freire@state.vt.us by May 1st, 2014.** Below are a few helpful hints to consider when submitting a nomination:

- Consider the awards criteria for the individual or organization you are interested in nominating.
- When writing a nomination letter, keep in mind that it will be read by people who may have little familiarity with the person, organization or service you are describing.
- If there are additional materials such as newspaper articles, reports, or similar supporting documents that shed light on the background of the nominee, feel free to attach these to the nomination letter.
- Nominations for this year's awards program must be received no later **than May 1st, 2014.** If you have any questions regarding this process or would like assistance in nominating an individual or service, please contact Jessica Freire.

Award Categories & Criteria:

First Responder Service of the Year

This award is intended to recognize VT based and licensed EMS organizations for their excellence in operations and service to their communities.

- Is currently a Vermont based licensed first responder service at any level
- Is active in local public education and or injury prevention efforts
- Has demonstrated positive relationships with the community(s) served, EMS District Board, and receiving hospital(s)
- Takes meaningful and visible steps to assure the professionalism of its personnel and quality of patient care provided
- Has identified areas where quality improvement is possible and has taken steps in these areas

Ambulance Service of the Year

This award is intended to recognize VT based and licensed EMS organizations for their excellence in operations and service to their communities.

- Is currently a Vermont based and licensed ambulance service at any level

- Is active in local public education and or injury prevention efforts
- Has demonstrated positive relationships with the community(s) served, EMS District Board, and receiving hospital(s)
- Takes meaningful and visible steps to assure the professionalism of its personnel and quality of patient care provided
- Has identified areas where quality improvement is possible and has taken steps in these areas

BLS Provider of the Year

This award is intended to recognize Vermont certified EMS personnel for their excellence in clinical skills, support of their EMS organizations, contributions to the development of other EMS professionals, or other involvement in the health and safety of communities in addition to providing emergency care.

- Is currently licensed in Vermont as an FRECA/EMR or EMT-B/EMT
- Has made exceptional contributions to his/her EMS organization
- Has strong and consistent clinical skills at his/her certification level
- Has made an outstanding contribution to the EMS system within or outside of his/her EMS organization
- May have been involved in EMS training, public education, injury prevention activities, specialty work with at risk populations, or similar functions

ALS Provider of the Year

This award is intended to recognize Vermont certified EMS personnel for their excellence in clinical skills, support of their EMS organizations, contributions to the development of other EMS professionals, or other involvement in the health and safety of communities in addition to providing emergency care.

- Is currently licensed in Vermont as an EMT-I/AEMT or EMT-P/Paramedic
- Has made exceptional contributions to his/her EMS organization
- Has strong and consistent clinical skills at his/her certification level
- Has made an outstanding contribution to the EMS system within or outside of his/her EMS organization
- May have been involved in EMS training, public education, injury prevention activities, specialty work with at risk populations, or similar functions

Educator of the Year

This award is intended to recognize Vermont certified EMS personnel for their excellence in education.

- Is currently licensed provider in Vermont
- Has made exceptional contributions to education at the service and/or district level
- Has furthered their own education for the benefit of others

****Please email your nomination(s) to jessica.freire@state.vt.us by May 1, 2014****