

## 2016 Vermont EMS Awards Information

Vermont EMS Awards will be presented at the State House during National EMS Week – May 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. 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, EMS Educator of the Year. We are introducing two additional awards EMS for Children Champion of the Year, and Vermont EMS Lifetime Award. 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 Stephanie Busch at stephanie.busch@vermont.gov by April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.** 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 April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.** If you have any questions regarding this process or would like assistance in nominating an individual or service, please contact Stephanie Busch.

### **Award Categories & Criteria:**

#### **First Responder Service of the Year**

This award is intended to recognize Vermont 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 licensure 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 licensure 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 licensed 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

### **EMS for Children Champion of the Year**

This award is intended to recognize an individual or organization that exemplifies outstanding dedication and service to the contribution, development and/or enhancement of EMS for children in Vermont.

- Is currently licensed provider in Vermont
- Has gone above and beyond to enhance care for pediatrics or provide injury and illness prevention programs for children
- Has made exceptional contributions to EMS for Children at the service and/or district level

### **Vermont EMS Lifetime Award**

This award honors an individual who has made an extraordinary contribution to the advancement of EMS prehospital care representing in effect, a **lifetime** of outstanding service **to the profession and the public**.

- Has made significant contributions to prehospital care in Vermont; this person may be a nurse, doctor, EMS educator, EMS provider, volunteer
- This person does NOT need to be a currently licensed provider
- Has been involved in EMS for at least 25 years

**\*Please email your nomination(s) to [stephanie.busch@vermont.gov](mailto:stephanie.busch@vermont.gov) by April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016\***