



# *The 2010 Ohio EMS Awards Program*



The Ohio EMS Awards Program was created by the EMS Division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety to recognize outstanding achievements and to honor those in Ohio's EMS system whose accomplishments rise above the day-to-day excellence of that system.

Each day in Ohio, EMS providers save lives and perform countless noteworthy acts of caring, kindness and service to their community. These awards are a tribute to those individuals and organizations whose overall contributions go beyond their basic duties and responsibilities and who represent the finest traditions of our profession.



## NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

Anyone, including the nominee, can submit a nomination for any award. Individual nominees must be currently certified at the level for which they are being nominated. The primary reasons for which a person or agency is being nominated must have occurred in Ohio.

For all categories the nomination must be based on an individual's or service's overall contributions, body of work, or sustained performance, not on single acts of heroism. Heroic acts may be a part of the nomination but not the basis.

Fill out the information requested on the nomination form. Include written examples of why this person or organization should win, focusing on the award criteria. Please be specific, using examples that are easy to understand and thorough in describing the nominee's accomplishments. Keep in mind that the people who review the nominations will not be as familiar with your nominee as you are.

The last page of this packet is an electronic form. Fill it out on your computer and save a copy. Send your saved copy of the completed form to the Division of EMS. We prefer that these be sent electronically to: [amdodson@dps.state.oh.us](mailto:amdodson@dps.state.oh.us)

(If you cannot send your nomination electronically, please mail it to: Ohio Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services, Ohio EMS Awards Program, 1970 W. Broad St., P.O. Box 182073, Columbus, OH 43218-2073)

The deadline for nominations is **April 15, 2010**. Please note that this is the date by which the nominations must be RECEIVED by the EMS Division.

## SELECTION PROCESS

All nominations will be reviewed by EMS Division staff to determine that the nominee is in good standing and that individuals are currently certified at the level for which they were nominated. Any nomination that does not meet these criteria will be considered invalid and will not be forwarded for consideration.

An Award Selection Panel consisting of ODPS EMS Division staff, members of the State Board of Emergency Medical Services, and others as appropriate will be created for each category. The selection panel will review and evaluate the nominations. To avoid personal bias, nomination forms will be redacted to remove any direct identifiers of the nominee before being sent to the members of the selection panel for their evaluation.

No award will be given if there are no nominations for an award. No award will be given if the selection panel's evaluation finds that no nominee meets that award's criteria.

## 2010 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

### Purpose

This award honors Ohio Emergency Medical Service (EMS) First Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) for achievement of excellence in areas of patient care, public access, public education and training, disaster preparedness and outstanding service to their communities. An award will be issued for each certification level.

- First Responder (FR)
- Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (EMT-B)
- Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate (EMT-I)
- Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P)

### Criteria

- An Emergency Medical Service provider active in providing EMS care;
- Is active in local public education and training of the community and/or injury prevention efforts;
- Has demonstrated positive relationships with the community served and with receiving hospitals;
- Has demonstrated professionalism in the performance of his/her duties;
- Has personally or organizationally improved the quality of patient care provided;
- Exemplifies outstanding leadership, dedication, and service to the community through involvement with EMS.

### Eligibility

- An Emergency Medical Service provider, certified by the State of Ohio as a First Responder, EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate or EMT-Paramedic;
- EMS provider is directly responsible for responding to emergencies or disasters and providing the direct delivery of care with at least one recognized Ohio EMS Agency;
- EMS provider is in good standing with his/her EMS Agency and the State of Ohio;
- The EMS provider's Ohio First Responder or Emergency Medical Technician certification is valid.

## 2010 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE OF THE YEAR

### Purpose

This award honors an Ohio Emergency Medical Service organization for their excellence in operations and service to their communities.

### Criteria

- An Emergency Medical Service based in Ohio, providing care at any level;
- Is active in local public education and/or injury prevention efforts;
- Has demonstrated positive relationships with the community served and with receiving hospitals;
- Takes meaningful and visible steps to assure the professionalism of its personnel;
- Takes meaningful and visible steps to assure the quality of patient care provided;
- Has identified areas where quality improvement is possible and has taken steps to improve these areas.

### Eligibility

- Any Ohio-based Emergency Medical Service organization that is recognized by the State Board of EMS and the EMS Division of the Ohio Department of Public Safety;
- Is directly responsible for responding to emergencies or disasters and providing the direct delivery of care;
- The service is in good standing with the State of Ohio.

## **2010 EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR**

### Purpose

To honor a physician who serves or has served meritoriously as a medical director for an Ohio based ALS or BLS service, and who has made substantial contributions to the advancement of EMS and patient care in the State of Ohio.

### Criteria

- Significant active participation in education and training of prehospital emergency medical care providers;
- Initiation and/or participation in prehospital studies, EMS research or pilot programs;
- Has made significant contributions to the development of EMS at the local level;
- Has made substantial contributions to Ohio's efforts to develop a statewide EMS system;
- Has made significant contributions to the advancement of EMS at the national level;
- Has demonstrated commitment to the principles of quality improvement, customer service, and excellence in EMS;
- Active participation in the conduct of performance improvement programs.

### Eligibility

Must meet all of the following:

- Possession of a valid Ohio medical license (MD or DO);
- License is in good standing with the Medical Board;
- Active in the provision of emergency care of patients;
- Currently serves as an active medical director for one or more Ohio based EMS organizations that routinely responds to emergencies and provides direct delivery of care;
- Meets the minimum requirements for the medical director of an EMS organization as outlined in Ohio Administrative Code 4765-3-05.



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**2010 OHIO EMS AWARDS NOMINATION**

**THIS NOMINATION IS FOR**

<input type="checkbox"/> First Responder of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> EMT-Paramedic of the Year
<input type="checkbox"/> EMT-Basic of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medical Service of the Year
<input type="checkbox"/> EMT-Intermediate of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Director of the Year

NOMINEE NAME

NOMINEE ADDRESS

CITY	STATE	ZIP	TELEPHONE (     )     -
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YOUR NAME

YOUR ADDRESS

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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

WHY DOES THIS PERSON/ORGANIZATION DESERVE THIS AWARD? PLEASE BE SPECIFIC. *(UNLIMITED TEXT – JUST KEEP TYPING)*