



The 2011 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. These must be sent electronically to: dwalton@dps.state.oh.us

The deadline for nominations is **April 8, 2011**. 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. Previous winners, members of the State Board of Emergency Medical Services, and ODPS EMS Division staff are ineligible to receive any of these awards.

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.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR

2011

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.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE OF THE YEAR

2011

Purpose

This award honors an Ohio Emergency Medical Service organization (non-volunteer) 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, non-volunteer 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.

VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE **OF THE YEAR 2011**

Purpose

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

Criteria

- A substantially volunteer 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.
- Has demonstrated consistent effort in recruiting new volunteers from their community.

Eligibility

- Any Ohio-based, substantially volunteer 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.

EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

2011

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.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN **PROVIDER OF THE YEAR 2011**

Purpose

This award honors Ohio Emergency Medical Service (EMS) First Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) of any certification level for achievement of excellence in areas of patient care, public access, public education and training, disaster preparedness and outstanding service to their communities, particularly impacting the nominee's pediatric population. One award will be issued.

Criteria

- Demonstrates a dedicated interest in improving pediatric pre-hospital care, including training, public education, and quality improvement processes.
- 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 pediatric 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.

2011 Ohio EMS Awards Nomination Form

This nomination is for:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Medical Service of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> EMT-Intermediate of the Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Emergency Medical Service of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> EMT-Paramedic of the Year
<input type="checkbox"/> First Responder of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Director of the Year
<input type="checkbox"/> EMT-Basic of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> EMS for Children Provider of the Year
Name of nominee:	
Address of nominee:	
Telephone number of nominee:	
Your name:	
Your address:	
Your telephone number:	
Your e-mail address:	
Why does this person/organization deserve this award? Please be specific. <i>(Unlimited text – just keep typing)</i>	