



September 8, 2023

Dear Colleagues:

The Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS Council Awards provide a great opportunity to recognize the special talents of our local Emergency Medical Service providers and the contributions they have made to the improvement of prehospital care. Recognizing the commitment and dedication of our region's professionals will not be possible without *your* help! Please consider submitting nominees for each category listed below, as defined by the New York State EMS Council Annual Awards criteria.

Members of the Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS Council will determine the annual award winners solely from the list of submitted candidates. In addition, local winners will be forwarded to the Awards Committee of the NYS EMS Council for consideration as a *statewide* award recipient from the Monroe-Livingston region. The NYS EMS Council Awards will be presented at the 2024 Vital Signs Conference.

This year we are seeking nominations for the following awards:

- BLS Provider of the Year
- ALS Provider of the Year
- Youth Provider of the Year
- EMS Agency of the Year
- EMS Educator of Excellence
- EMS Communication Specialist of the Year
- Registered Nurse of Excellence
- Physician of Excellence
- Excellence in EMS Quality and Safety
- Harriet C. Weber EMS Leadership Award
- Commissioner of Health's Award of Excellence in EMS Activities

In addition to these NYS-defined awards, we also seek nominations for some locally-defined recognition awards:

- MLREMS Council Awards
  - MLREMS Richard "Dick" Tripp Community Service Award (page 10 of this packet)
  - MLREMS Paramedic Rookie of the Year Award (page 13 of this packet)

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- Genesee Valley STEP Awards (Link for submission: <https://stepems.org/awards.html>)
  - Lloyd Leve Award
  - Joanna Award
  - Chloe Alexson Scholarship

Note that since these are local awards, they cannot be forwarded to the NYS EMS Council Awards Committee. Separate applications for these awards are attached.

Winning recipients of all awards will be notified in advance of awards ceremonies, with the exception of the EMS Agency of the Year award.

Submission of the enclosed "Application for the New York State EMS Council Annual Awards" is due by February 1, 2024. Please send all submissions to [mlrems@mlrems.org](mailto:mlrems@mlrems.org) or:

MLREMS PIER Committee  
Attn: MLREMS Council Awards  
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PLEASE USE THE ATTACHED FORMS ONLY. Application forms are also available on the MLREMS website at [www.mlrems.org](http://www.mlrems.org).

Thank you for helping us recognize– and celebrate– the hard work of our distinguished professionals!

**Deadline to return all nominations – February 1, 2024.**

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## Frequently Asked Questions

1. When is the due date for the nomination applications?
  - a. The absolute deadline is February 1, 2024. This year we are again extending the option of having our PIER committee review your submission and provide suggestions to help assist you to best present your nominee. However, the earlier the application is submitted, the better chance you will have of utilizing this service.
  
2. Why should we submit applications for recognition awards?
  - a. Working as an EMS provider, we all encounter plenty of challenges on a daily basis. For us, it's simply "part of the job". However, few of us are fully aware of the significant impact we have in people's lives and the communities in which we live and work. Have you ever watched your partner, a colleague, an EMT/firefighter, a nurse or a doctor and are in awe of what they did or said? Or admired the dedication shown by someone's many years of volunteering and giving of themselves? Or listened to a dispatcher, wondering how difficult it must be for them to take the information to dispatch difficult calls and reassure people in their time of need? Recognizing the people that distinguish themselves through their contributions affords us an opportunity to bring attention to all the great work they are doing while also encouraging others to serve our communities to the best of our ability. It is rare that we have an opportunity to truly honor and recognize the incredible commitment and talent within our peer group and celebrate our best and brightest.
  
3. Why do I have to submit my nomination on a NYS form?
  - a. This is done so that we can automatically forward the awards on for consideration of the Statewide EMS awards.
  
4. Can a provider be submitted for an award more than one year in a row?
  - a. Yes
  
5. Can a provider be nominated by more than one agency?
  - a. Yes
  
6. Can I include information about the provider from other agencies?
  - a. Yes
  
7. If a provider does not win the regional award, will the nomination still get forwarded onto the State for consideration?

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- a. No, unfortunately the State will only accept one nomination per category. However, consider the simple fact that receiving a *nomination* for an award should be viewed as a significant accomplishment in and of itself!

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## Criteria for Award Nominations

\*Applicants must either reside in our council area or have their primary employment in our council area.\*

### Basic Life Support Provider of the Year

Criteria: Contribution by an individual to the community as a Certified First Responder (CFR) or Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). For dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skill(s) or insight in the EMS environment.

Eligibility: NYS Certified CFR or EMT

### Advanced Life Support Provider of the Year

Criteria: Contribution by an individual to the community as a Paramedic (EMT-P). For dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skill(s) or insight in the EMS environment.

Eligibility: NYS Certified EMT-I, EMT-CC, EMT-P

### EMS Agency of the Year

Criteria: Any agency, which strives for consistency in EMS excellence and exhibits exemplary performance when providing or supporting prehospital emergency medical care.

Eligibility: A NYS EMS agency that includes, but is not limited to, an ambulance service, ALSFR agency, or BLSFR agency participating in their local EMS System.

### EMS Leadership Award

Criteria: Longevity, innovation/dedication, responsibility, executive and management skills in establishing, maintaining, promoting or expanding EMS organizations, agencies or committees at the community and/or state level.

Eligibility: EMS Agency leader; local, county, regional, state EMS leader; medical/nursing or career EMS leader.

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### **EMS Educator of Excellence**

Criteria: Individual who through outstanding teaching, educational administration/coordination, publication or research has significantly improved prehospital services at the local, county, regional, or state level.

Eligibility: EMS Educator or equivalent

### **EMS Communications Specialist of the Year**

Criteria: Contributions to the EMS community as a call receiving operator, dispatcher or call taker who demonstrates outstanding dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, or special skill(s) or insight into prehospital communications.

Eligibility: Employee or volunteer with an organized dispatch center in New York State

### **Registered Professional Nurse of Excellence**

Criteria: Contributions to the EMS community as a NYS professional Registered Nurse (RN) who demonstrates outstanding dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skills or insight in the prehospital environment.

Eligibility: New York State licensed Registered Nurse serving the EMS System

### **Physician of Excellence**

Criteria: Contributions to the EMS community as a physician who demonstrates outstanding dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, special skills, or insight in the prehospital environment.

Eligibility: NYS licensed physician serving an EMS system

### **Excellence in EMS Quality and Safety**

Criteria: The service must have implemented a practice or made a significant contribution that enhances the focus on the delivery of EMS in the community. The practice should lead to a measurable and sustained improvement in EMS provider safety, patient care quality and

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effectiveness, or efficiency of EMS Response or resource deployment. The application must include a program description, the methodology used to achieve change, a description of the outcomes and lessons learned that provide insight in to what it takes to accomplish and sustain a successful change. (Two honorable mention awards will also be selected.)

Eligibility: NYS based EMS service or individual provider

### **Youth Provider of the Year**

Criteria: Contributions by an individual to the community as a Certified First Responder (CFR), or First Aid certified responder. For dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skill(s) or insight in the EMS community.

Eligibility: NYS certified CFR or First Aid certified and affiliated with a first response agency (fire, EMS, police)

### **Commissioner of Health's Award of Excellence in EMS Activities**

Criteria: Exceptional contribution to EMS activities by an individual in any way.

Eligibility: May be nominated for any other award in the same year. Need not be nominated by a regional council. This award may not be given every year. The Commissioner of Health will determine the process of selection. \*Selection for this award will be made by the Commissioner. Nominations are welcome. Note: *This award is not a Monroe-Livingston Regional award.*

Questions should be directed to:

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Candidate's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Credentials (Certifications, etc.)**

RN     MD/DO    EMT # \_\_\_\_\_ Agency # \_\_\_\_\_

CFR     EMT-B     EMT-I     EMT-CC     EMT-P     Instructor (Level) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Credentials \_\_\_\_\_

**EMS Affiliation/Organizations**

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Role/Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate the category for which the applicant is being nominated (See awards brochure description and criteria)**

Basic Life Support Provider of the Year     EMS Communications Specialist of the Year

Advanced Life Support Provider of the Year     Excellence in EMS Quality and Safety

EMS Agency of the Year     Registered Professional Nurse of Excellence

Youth Provider of the Year     Physician of Excellence

Harriet C. Weber EMS Leadership Award     Commissioner of Health's Award of Excellence

EMS Educator of Excellence

**Reasons for Information**

**USE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM ONLY.**

**Describe why candidate should receive this award. Applications must be typewritten to be considered.**

Name of Person or Agency Submitting Nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Regional Council Chairperson Approval \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

Regional Council Name \_\_\_\_\_

**It is your responsibility to discuss this nomination with your candidate, for his/her acceptance.**



Application must be typewritten in a font no less than 12 points.

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**EMS Background**

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**Reason for Award Nomination**

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**Contribution/Impact to EMS**

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**Monroe Livingston Regional Emergency Medical Services Council  
Richard “Dick” Tripp Community Service Award Application**

EMS is an important service provided within every community across our country. Many of our citizens may not fully understand the significance of the volunteer hours contributed to make this service available. It takes the dedication of hard working and caring individuals. Dick Tripp was the epitome of this devotion and commitment through his life of service. Over 39 years he dedicated his time and expertise to ensure the citizens of Springwater, and the greater Livingston and Monroe County area, received the services they deserve.

Dick began his life of service with a nine-year enlistment in the United States Army. He spent a great part of his enlistment serving in Southeast Asia including Japan, South Korea and Vietnam.

Dick went beyond what many other dedicated EMS volunteers do for their community. Dick served his community with the same enthusiasm in other arenas. He dedicated countless hours as the Post Commander of American Legion Post #905, the Boy Scouts of America as a Scout Master, the Springwater Fire Department as EMS Captain and many other organizations over his lifetime. More importantly, Dick provided his time and talent with a true desire to help others. In every action and conversation, Dick made those around him feel like they were the most important item of his day.

He was a mentor and a teacher always striving to increase the number of people who made up the EMS service while working tirelessly to improve the level of professionalism in the EMS program.

In recognition of his absolute dedication to the Community, the Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS Council recognizes Dick Tripp’s example in life through the Dick Tripp Community Service Award given to an individual who in the course of their life has given outstanding, selfless, and sustained service to the EMS community.

Requirements for this award need to meet the following criteria:

- Member of their community EMS provider agency
- At least 20 years of volunteer EMS service
- Involvement in another community-based organization as a volunteer
- Written letter of nomination outlining the impact made by the nominee’s volunteer contributions to their community

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Richard "Dick" Tripp Community Service Award Application**

Candidate background and information:

Name: Telephone: (h)

Address: (w)

Employer (Agency)

Address:

Credentials (Certifications):

Please submit a brief specific description of the above criteria and how they relate to the award being given. USE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM ONLY.

Name of person or agency submitting nomination:

Phone (h) (w)

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**Richard “Dick” Tripp Community Service Award  
Reason for Nomination**

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**Monroe Livingston Regional Emergency Medical Services Council  
Paramedic Rookie of the Year Award Application**

Candidate background and information:

Name: Telephone: (h)

Address: (w)

Employer (Agency)

Address:

Credentials (Certifications):

Reasons for nomination: On the reverse sides of this form, describe why the candidate should receive this award.

- Qualifying characteristics: Demonstrates clinical excellence beyond their years of experience, compassion towards patients and colleagues, and a dedication to continuous improvement. Provide a brief narrative.
- Qualifying criteria: An individual who demonstrates excellence in the performance of their duties as a clinician and colleague within their first two years as a Paramedic Provider, who is newly certified by New York State and has never before been certified as an Advanced Level Provider in any other state, province or country.

Please submit a brief specific description of the above criteria and how they relate to the award being given. **USE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM ONLY.**

Name of person or agency submitting nomination:

Phone (h) (w)

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