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Dear Colleagues:

As we approach the holiday season this year, we need your help to recognize our best and brightest people: nominations for this year's EMS Awards are officially open! Prior year's award recipients have shared how much this recognition meant to them— your nomination makes it possible!

The Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS Council Awards provide a rare opportunity to recognize the special talents of our local Emergency Medical Service professionals 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.

Annual award winners are determined *solely* from the list of submitted candidates. For NYS-defined awards, local winners will also be forwarded to the Awards Committee of the NYS EMS Council in consideration for a *statewide* award for the same category. The NYS EMS Council Awards will be presented at the 2026 Vital Signs Conference.

To submit a nomination, please complete an online application by February 1st, 2026.

This year we are seeking nominations for the following awards (please use this [link](#) for submissions):

- 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
- EMS Agency Innovation Award

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In addition to these NYS-defined awards, we also seek nominations for several locally-defined recognition awards. Note that since these are local awards, they cannot be forwarded to the NYS state-wide EMS Council Awards Committee:

- MLREMS Council Awards (please use this [link](#) for submissions):
 - MLREMS Paramedic Rookie of the Year Award
 - MLREMS Administrative Support Person of the Year
 - MLREMS Valor Award
 - MLREMS Meritorious Service Award
 - MLREMS Richard “Dick” Tripp Community Service Award
- Genesee Valley STEP Awards (please use this [link](#) for submissions):
 - Lloyd Leve Award
 - Joanna Award
 - Chloe Alexson Scholarship

Winning recipients for *all* awards will be notified in advance of awards ceremonies, except for the “EMS Agency of the Year” award, which will be announced at the official MLREMS Awards Ceremony to be held during EMS Week next Spring.

For additional information, please see the FAQ, criteria definitions and other information included below. Help is also available by sending an email to mlrems@mlrems.org.

PLEASE USE ONLY THE LINKS PROVIDED ABOVE FOR SUBMISSIONS!

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

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. When is the due date for the nomination applications?
 - a. The absolute deadline is February 1, 2026.
2. How do I ask for help in writing an award nomination?
 - a. 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. Please send an email request to mlrems@mlrems.org if interested.
3. Why should we submit applications for recognition awards?
 - a. Working as an EMS professional, 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 been in awe of what they did or said? Have you admired the commitment demonstrated by someone who has volunteered their time and energy for many years or decades? Have you listened to a dispatcher, wondering how difficult it must be for them to efficiently managed the intake of important information while dispatching difficult calls and reassure people in their time of need? Our First Responders are critical to ensure the safety and well-being of our community. Formally recognizing the people that distinguish themselves allows us to bring attention to all their contributions, while also encouraging others to serve our communities to the best of their ability. It is rare that we have an opportunity to truly honor and recognize the incredible commitment and talent within our peer group– let's celebrate our best and brightest.
4. Why do I have to submit my nomination on a NYS form?
 - a. This is done to ensure that winning nominees can be automatically forwarded for consideration of the Statewide EMS awards.
5. Can a provider be submitted for an award more than one year in a row?
 - a. Yes
6. Can a provider be nominated by more than one agency?
 - a. Yes



7. Can I include information about the provider from other agencies?
 - a. Yes

8. If a provider does not win the regional award, will the nomination still get forwarded onto the State for consideration?
 - a. No, unfortunately the State will only accept one nomination per category. However, remember the simple fact that few professionals are nominated for these awards; receiving a *nomination* for an award is a significant accomplishment in and of itself! All nominees will be recognized by the MLREMS Council, and a congratulatory letter to all nominees will be issued whether they win a regional award or not. All nominees are recognized!



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.



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

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measurable and sustained improvement in EMS provider safety, patient care quality and 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 into 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.*

EMS Agency Innovation Award

Criteria: Progressive ideas and forwarding thinking agencies have inspired change that has created system sustainability, recruitment, retention, alternative education models and so much more. EMS Agencies, REMSCOs, REMACs, Program Agencies and Course Sponsors over the past year continue to be implementing innovation throughout New York State achieving positive results and advancing the field of Emergency Medical Services.

Eligibility: Must be a New York State EMS agency, that includes but is not limited to, an ambulance service, ALS-FR, BLS-FR, REMSCO, REMAC, Program Agency and/or Course Sponsor. All innovation submissions must be in compliance with New York State Public Health Law Article 30

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and Title 10 of the New York Code Rules and Regulations. Any submission that does not meet these criteria will be ineligible. Note: *This award is not a Monroe-Livingston Regional award.*

MLREMS Paramedic Rookie of the Year Award

- Qualifying characteristics: Demonstrates clinical excellence beyond their years of experience, compassion towards patients and colleagues, and a dedication to continuous improvement.
- 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.

MLREMS Administrative Support Person of the Year Award

- Qualifying criteria: Contribution by an individual to the EMS community as an individual who may or may not be a certified EMS professional, though that primarily provides service in an administrative capacity.
- Eligibility: Employment or membership at an EMS agency, or other organization which supports EMS in a position such as, but not limited to:
 - Administrative Assistant
 - Executive Assistant
 - Billing Specialist
 - Base Coordinator/Attendant
 - CPR Instructor
 - Vehicle Mechanic
 - Vehicle Service Technician

MLREMS Valor Award

NOTE: This may be awarded at any point throughout the calendar year

- Qualifying criteria: Gallantry by an individual or crew in the performance of one's duties during a call for service or other situation which placed the individual or crew in harm's way.
- Eligibility: NYS Certified CFR, EMT, AEMT-I, AEMT-CC, AEMT-P or other EMS support personnel.



MLREMS Meritorious Service Award

NOTE: This may be awarded at any point throughout the calendar year

- Qualifying criteria: Exceptional performance by an individual or crew during a difficult call for service, or other situation, that goes above and beyond the call of duty.
- Eligibility: NYS Certified CFR, EMT, AEMT-I, AEMT-CC, AEMT-P or other EMS support personnel.

MLREMS Richard “Dick” Tripp Community Service Award

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. For 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 several arenas. He dedicated countless hours: as the Post Commander of American Legion Post #905; to the Boy Scouts of America as a Scout Master; to 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,



which celebrates individuals who during their life have given outstanding, selfless, and sustained service to the EMS community.

Qualifying criteria for this award include:

- Member of their community EMS provider agency
- At least twenty (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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