

2008 Virginia EMS Awards Program!

**State EMS Advisory Board and Regional EMS Councils
Will Recognize EMS Providers, EMS Agencies and
Organizations**

2008 Regional EMS Awards Program

Virginia's 11 Regional EMS Councils will conduct Regional EMS Awards programs, hold recognition ceremonies and publicize the regional winners in their communities. This statewide regional recognition will honor the exceptional contributions that members of the Virginia's EMS system make in their communities and help them to be more visible to the people they serve.

Regional first place winners will be sent by the Regional EMS Councils to the Governor's EMS Advisory Board to compete at the state level in the Governor's EMS Awards.

Governor's EMS Awards Program

Recipients of the 2008 Governor's EMS Awards will be announced and presented with a certificate signed by the Governor and an awards trophy at the Virginia EMS Awards Banquet on Saturday, November 15, 2008 during the 29th Annual Virginia EMS Symposium at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott, November 12 -16, 2008.

Scholarship for High School Senior

**\$1,000 Scholarship for Outstanding Contribution to EMS
by a High School Senior. The Regional Winner will be Eligible to Win \$5,000
Scholarship from Governor's EMS Advisory Board.**

2008 REGIONAL COUNCIL EMS AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Guidelines

- Anyone may submit nominations for the Regional EMS Awards.
- For all categories the nomination may be based on a pattern of conduct/activities that has culminated in an exceptional improvement of the emergency medical services system in the locality, region or state. The nomination may also be based on a single unusual event that was beyond ordinary duty.
- Using the official 2008 Nomination Form on the Regional EMS Council Web page, nominations can be submitted electronically or typed on the 2008 Nomination Form and mailed to the Regional EMS Council.
- The person making the nomination should have extensive knowledge of the nominee's qualifications and carefully select the category that most appropriately matches the nominee's accomplishments.
- The nominee must have current licensure or certification in the category in which he or she has been nominated.
- Up to three letters of commendation, newspaper/periodical articles, a brief resume and other materials may be attached to the nomination form, but only three will be accepted.
- Any nomination that is not submitted through the Regional Awards Program is invalid and will not be presented to the Governor's EMS Awards Selection Committee.

April 4, 2008 – 4:30 p.m.

Regional EMS Awards Nomination Deadline: _____

Regional EMS Awards Selection Process

Previous Regional Award winners will review all nominations and select this year's winners.

Presentation of Awards

Regional Awards will be presented at the TJEMS Regional Award Ceremony on Wednesday, May 14, 2008, immediately following the Awards Banquet.

INQUIRIES

Questions should be directed to Cookie Conrad, Program Coordinator at the Thomas Jefferson EMS Council office. You may do so by calling the office (434-295-6146) or by e-mail: d_conrad@vaems.org.

CRITERIA FOR AWARDS

REGIONAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

CRITERIA: An individual who exemplifies outstanding dedication and service to the statewide Virginia emergency medical services system, and has demonstrated a commitment to a comprehensive, integrated system of emergency medical services throughout the Commonwealth.

ELIGIBILITY: Any individual engaged in emergency medical services.

REGIONAL AWARD TO THE OUTSTANDING PRE-HOSPITAL PROVIDER

CRITERIA: An individual who exemplifies outstanding dedication and service to his or her community through involvement with EMS.

ELIGIBILITY: Any individual who routinely provides pre-hospital care, primarily in Virginia, and is affiliated with at least one Virginia licensed EMS agency.

REGIONAL AWARD TO THE OUTSTANDING EMS PHYSICIAN

CRITERIA: An EMS physician who exemplifies outstanding leadership and dedication in the exercise of medical control in the local or regional EMS system.

ELIGIBILITY: Any licensed physician who holds current endorsement from the Virginia Office of EMS and serves as a Virginia EMS agency operational medical director or Virginia training program physician course director.

REGIONAL AWARD TO THE OUTSTANDING EMS PRE-HOSPITAL EDUCATOR

Criteria: A provider who exemplifies outstanding teaching and leadership qualities while participating as an educator in an EMS program. Must have coordinated or consistently demonstrated excellence and a dedication to the education of pre-hospital EMS providers. The nominee must have participated as an instructor, coordinator or adjunct faculty in an EMS program for at least two years. Educational programs include: First Responder, EMT-B, Shock Trauma, EMT Enhanced, Cardiac Technician, EMT Intermediate, EMT Paramedic, continuing education courses, Preceptor programs or equivalent EMS training.

ELIGIBILITY: A Virginia EMS educator.

REGIONAL AWARD TO THE NURSE WITH OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO EMS

CRITERIA: A nurse who exemplifies outstanding service in emergency medical services; knowledge and performance of EMS nursing skills; and high standards of cooperation and leadership with other EMS personnel and agencies. Highest consideration is given to performing a nursing role in a hospital or clinical setting such as precepting or quality assurance programs. Nurses who have demonstrated excellence as a pre-hospital provider or instructor should be nominated for those categories.

ELIGIBILITY: Any Virginia licensed nurse serving in an active position.

REGIONAL AWARD TO THE OUTSTANDING EMS ADMINISTRATOR

CRITERIA: An individual who has demonstrated ability to organize, conduct, manage, problem solve and evaluate within his or her organization and, by exemplary leadership and administrative skills, improve the effectiveness, response and delivery of EMS.

ELIGIBILITY: Any person responsible for chairing, presiding over, supervising or administering EMS organizations and/or personnel in Virginia.

REGIONAL AWARD TO THE OUTSTANDING EMS AGENCY

CRITERIA: An EMS agency that exemplifies outstanding professionalism and service to its community; whose high level of patient care is evident by innovative training, community awareness, preventive health programs, public relations efforts and participation in local, regional and statewide EMS systems.

ELIGIBILITY: Any currently licensed Virginia EMS agency. Includes governmental, commercial, volunteer, hospital, industrial and air ambulance services.

REGIONAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO EMS

CRITERIA: Outstanding contribution to EMS by an individual, corporation, business, news media or program in providing financial, material, educational or other tangible or non-tangible assistance to support and benefit the local, regional or state EMS system.

ELIGIBILITY: Any corporation, business, non-profit organization, college, university, school or program not routinely involved in Virginia's EMS system, or any individual not employed by or volunteering with EMS.

REGIONAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO EMS FOR CHILDREN

CRITERIA: An individual or organization that exemplifies outstanding dedication and service to EMS for children.

ELIGIBILITY: Any individual or organization with a significant contribution to the development or enhancement of EMS for children in Virginia. Services cover a continuum of care, from injury prevention to pre-hospital care, emergency department and hospital services, and rehabilitation.

REGIONAL AWARD TO THE OUTSTANDING EMS TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICER/DISPATCHER

Eligibility: An emergency medical telecommunicator, public safety answering point administrator, supervisor or training officer whose outstanding dedication and service has demonstrated an exceptional contribution to the improved delivery of emergency medical services in the local, regional or statewide EMS system.

Criteria: An emergency medical telecommunicator, public safety answering point administrator, supervisor or training officer who is employed or volunteers with an organized emergency medical services dispatch center or public safety answering point in Virginia.



Calling All Amateur Photographers!

The Thomas Jefferson EMS Council is seeking entries for an amateur photography competition. In conjunction with the Regional EMS Awards, this contest is open to Emergency Services personnel in the TJEMS region. Photographs of any EMS related activities are being sought – the unique to everyday duties are all welcome. We hope to show off our people in action!

This is your chance to get your work seen throughout the region. Photos submitted will be used to update display photos, publication in TJEMS brochures and posted on the TJEMS website. The winning photographer will receive an award for the best photograph.

How to Enter the Contest

The Thomas Jefferson EMS Council will accept photographs related to any aspect of EMS: dispatch, response, scene operations, hospital, education and Special Operations (Technical Rescue, Dive, Tactical EMS, Air Ambulance, etc.).

Entries for this contest must be received at the TJEMS office by close of business (4:30 p.m.) on April 4, 2008. Entries must be in digital format that has sufficient image resolution for high quality, large prints. Additionally, entries must include the photographer's name, mailing address, e-mail address and agency affiliation, if any.

Copyrights and Permissions

The photographer must hold the copyright to all photos submitted and have appropriate release from subjects where necessary.

By submitting an image to this contest, the photographer grants the Thomas Jefferson EMS Council, Inc. permission and rights to store, display and use the image.

The use of public domain is prohibited. Photographers retain ownership of all copyrights.

REGIONAL EMS AWARDS 2008 NOMINATION FORM

Check only one category on this nomination form. Make copies of the form to submit more than one nomination. Nominate only one person, agency or organization in a category. **Failure to have nominee in most appropriate category may result in the nomination not being considered.** Only one award is given in each category.

- _____ Award for Excellence in EMS
- _____ Award to the Outstanding Pre-Hospital Provider
- _____ Award to an Outstanding EMS Physician
- _____ Award to the Outstanding EMS Pre-Hospital Educator
- _____ Award to the Nurse with Outstanding Contribution to EMS
- _____ Award to the Outstanding EMS Administrator
- _____ Award to the Outstanding EMS Agency
- _____ Award for the Outstanding Contribution to EMS
- _____ Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS for Children
- _____ Award to the Outstanding EMS Telecommunications Officer/Dispatcher
- _____ Thomas Jefferson EMS Council Photography Contest (**Regional Award Only**)

NOMINEE'S NAME: _____
(first) (middle initial) (last)

ADDRESS: Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: Work _____ Home _____

AGENCY AFFILIATION: _____ POSITION: _____

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY - NAME: _____

ADDRESS: Street _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

NOMINATOR'S PHONE: Work _____ Home _____

NOMINATOR'S SIGNATURE _____ Date _____

DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING NOMINATION

Read each statement carefully and answer **completely**. Limit documentation to information requested. A brief resume may be included. Up to three letters of support, written by someone other than nominator, may be added to this form. **If the nomination is not for an individual, but for an agency or organization, go directly to number 4.**

1. List active, current and relevant offices or committee memberships at the local, regional and/or state levels. (Applies only to nominations of individuals.)
2. List current related certifications.
3. List honors and awards, civic or professional, received within the last 12 months.
4. Describe the nominee's qualities and contributions (local, regional and state) to EMS in Virginia. Why is the nominee exceptionally qualified? Why should the nominee be selected for an award? This is an **important** section and should be thoroughly addressed.

Photo Required: A photo of the nominee **must** be included. Try to send a color photo (with good lighting) with just the nominee in it. If it is an agency or organization, the photo can be a group shot of agency members, shot of agency headquarters or a logo.

Important: Please send the photo on a disk. It must **be a photo with 300 DPI or a high resolution photo**. If you aren't certain send a glossy print instead. This will help assure the best image when used in publicity and printing.

Governor's EMS Awards

Only regional winners will be judged at the state level in the Governor's EMS Awards program.

The State EMS Advisory Board's EMS Awards Selection Committee will review the first place winners in each of the 11 Regional EMS Councils competition. Winners selected at the state level will be forwarded with the Committee's recommendations to the Governor.

An EMS Advisory Board Merit Award may be given to an exceptionally outstanding nominee who did not meet all of the eligibility requirements for the Governor's Award, but deserved special recognition. If none of the applicants in a category meets the awards criteria, the Committee can nominate someone. If the Committee feels a nominee best fits another category, it may contact the nominator or Regional EMS Council to discuss making this change.

Don't Send Nomination Form Until You Check This!

- ✓ **Did you supply all information required on the nomination form and the type of information that will help judges select the most outstanding nominee?**
- ✓ **Did you put your nominee in the correct category? Nominees placed in an incorrect category will not be considered.**
- ✓ **Did you include supporting materials if category requires them?**
- ✓ **Did you include the digital photo of the winner on a disk?**
- ✓ **Will you meet the required deadline for entries?**