

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. No other attachments will be accepted.

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.

Applications must be postmarked no later than June 1.

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

EMS Background

Reason for Award Nomination

Contribution/Impact to EMS

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New York State EMS Council Annual Awards

*A new award, Excellence in EMS Quality and Safety, has been added to the program.

Awards are presented as follows:

Basic Life Support Provider of the Year

Criteria: Contributions by an individual to the community as a Certified First Responder (CFR) or as an EMT-Basic (EMT-B). For dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skill or insight in the EMS environment.

Eligibility: NYS certified CFR or EMT-B

Advanced Life Support Provider of the Year

Criteria: Contributions by an individual to the community as an Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate (EMT-I), EMT-Critical Care Technician (EMT-CC) or Paramedic (EMT-P). For dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skill 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: NYS EMS agency that includes, but is not limited to, an ambulance service, ALSFR or BLSFR participating in their local EMS System.

Youth Provider of the Year

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

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

Harriet C. Weber EMS Leadership Award

Criteria: Longevity, innovation/dedication, responsibility, executive and management skills in establishing, maintaining, promoting or expanding EMS organizations, agencies, 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. Dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, or special skill or insight to prehospital communications.



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

Registered Nurse of Excellence

Criteria: Contributions to the EMS community as a NYS Registered Professional Nurse. Dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skill or insight in the prehospital environment.

Eligibility: NYS licensed registered nurse serving the EMS System.

Physician of Excellence

Criteria: Contributions to the EMS community as a physician. Dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, special skill 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 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: Applicant is a NYS based EMS service or individual provider.

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



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Date: March 13, 2014

To: All Hudson Valley Regional BLSFR, ALSFR, and Ambulance services

From: William Hughes, Executive Director

RE: Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council Awards

Each year, the Hudson Valley Regional Emergency Medical Services Council is proud to recognize the outstanding members of our EMS community.

To be recognized for their outstanding contributions to the EMS community, recipients of the Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council awards **MUST** first be nominated by their respective County EMS Council. Each Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council award winner will be the Hudson Valley Regional nominee for the New York State Emergency Medical Services Council award in their respective awards category.

The Categories and Criteria for the awards as well as the fill-able application can be found at: <http://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/ems/emsawards.htm>

Please take the time to nominate someone that deserves to be recognized and honored for their dedication, responsibility, ingenuity, skill and insight demonstrated within the EMS community. ***All nominations must be sent to your County Council for consideration.*** County councils must submit their award winners to the Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council's Awards Committee no later than 3PM, on Friday, May 2, 2014

Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments of the Hudson Valley EMS community and nominate the outstanding EMS professionals that deserve both the honor and the recognition for a job superbly done!

Please contact the Hudson Valley Regional EMS office with any questions in this regard.

Excellence in EMS Quality and Safety Awards Program

New York's EMS Community is committed to continuous improvement in the quality and safety of care. The NY State EMS Council Award for Excellence in EMS Quality and Safety is a way to recognize organizations that play a leading role in promoting quality and safety.

Purpose

- To recognize quality and safety improvements that lead to sustainable best practices in Emergency Medical Services in New York State, as identified by an ongoing and successful Quality Improvement program.
- To highlight innovative ideas and EMS best practice achievements in order to recognize excellence and encourage other EMS Providers to consider similar practices to improve their EMS systems.

Award Eligibility Criteria

- Nominees must have a current and valid NYS DOH EMS agency ID code as an ambulance service or first response service.
- 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 effectiveness, or efficiency of EMS Response or resource deployment.

All documentation must be HIPPA compliant. A HIPPA violation will result in the application being removed from the awards process.

Application Process

- Eligible applicants must submit, to their regional EMS Council, an essay, not to exceed 1,000 words, describing the best practices they have developed in the previous year to enhance EMS services, focusing attention on the aforementioned criteria.

The essay 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.

- The applications will be reviewed by the appropriate Regional EMS Council awards committee who will select a winner from that region. The regional winner will be submitted to the SEMSCO PIER Committee, not later than June 1st.

All submissions must be in an electronic format using a 12 point New Times Roman font; double spaced with 1 inch margins.

- The applications will be reviewed by the SEMSCO PIER committee who will select a winner to represent NY State. The PIER committee will submit the NYS winner for consideration by other appropriate EMS awards programs as needed. Two honorable mention awards will also be selected.

- By submitting an application, the submitting EMS service grants permission to share the information about their QA QI program through various means (websites, electronic mail, newsletters, etc).

Recognition

- Recipients of the Excellence in EMS Award will be honored at the Annual NYS Vital Signs Conference. The Conference will provide up to three passes to attend the conference at no cost to the winning service. All other expenses, including meals, transportation and overnight accommodations will be the responsibility of the individuals.

The winner and honorable mentions will be published as a PDF on the NYS DOH web page under the QA QI Best practices section.

Sample essay:

Your essay title should describe the subject matter under study, the agency name and location.

"Knot So Easy"—Restraint Reduction in Pre-hospital Critical Care

Communities Ambulance Service

Anytown, NY

Begin by outlining the problem you studied. Why is it important to study? What did you find when you looked at your agency? You should describe how you measured and collected your data.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Communities EMS initiated the "Knot So Easy" project to promote a safe and efficient restraint use policy following several instances of providers being injured by their patients during patient care. We studied attitudes, knowledge, and practice issues related to the use of physical restraints. Ten EMT's and 6 paramedics were involved in the project. A review of the agency PCR's revealed that several EMT's regularly deployed physical restraints while treating patients with medical emergencies. Using a modified version of the Perception of Restraint Use Questionnaire (PRUQ), variables were measured prior to and two weeks after the restraint reduction initiative. After initially completing the survey, education was provided to the EMS providers that included risks and benefits of restraint use, correction of misperceptions, sensitizing staff to the experience of being restrained, legal and ethical implications, and alternatives to restraints. Monthly BLS and ALS unit prevalence rates for restraints were calculated and compared before and after implementation of restraint education.

Present your findings. How do you compare to others with similar issues? What were the results of any actions taken? Did you achieve your goals? What are the lessons learned from your work?

OUTCOMES

On completion of our study The BLS unit reduced its restraint rate from 4.05 per 100 runs to 2.76 per 100 runs, a 40.6% reduction. The ALS reduced the restraint rate from 5.65 per 100 runs to 3.54 per 100 patient days, a 40.4% reduction. The post-restraint PRUQ results showed that providers' knowledge,

perception and attitude toward restraint use significantly improved.

LESSONS LEARNED

With a well-defined restraint use program, there is an overall decrease in the importance placed on the use of restraints to control unsafe or undesirable patient behavior. Our data confirms that while providers have been supportive of restraint reduction, they are concerned about their safety in the ambulance. Responses that reflected the largest change in attitudes pertain to the use of restraints to prevent the patient from pulling out an endotracheal tube.

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While you are limited to no more than 1000 words, sometimes less is more than enough. Use the word count feature. This sample uses only 434 words!