

2022 Vermont EMS Awards

The 2022 Vermont EMS Awards will be presented during National EMS Week, May 15-21st, 2022. We will be accepting nominations for the following categories:

First Responder Service of the Year
Ambulance Service of the Year
BLS Provider of the Year
ALS Provider of the year
EMS Educator of the Year
EMS for Children Champion of the Year
Vermont EMS Lifetime Award

As in previous years, award presentations will be made both locally at the recipient's agency as well as at an award convocation and ceremony during the Vermont Healthcare and EMS Preparedness Conference.

Please take a moment to review the following criteria and consider nominating an individual or organization you feel is worthy of recognition.

Nomination Procedure:

Please provide a nomination letter that includes the nominee's name, title and EMS Organization, and reasons for nominating. **Nominations are welcome from anyone wishing to have a person or organization recognized and should be emailed to Merrill Pine at merrill.pine@vermont.gov by April 22nd, 2022.** Below are a few helpful hints to consider when submitting a nomination:

- Consider the awards criteria for the individual or organization you are interested in nominating.
- When writing a nomination letter, keep in mind that it will be read by people who may have little familiarity with the person, organization you are describing.
- If there are additional materials such as newspaper articles, reports, or similar supporting documents that shed light on the background of the nominee, please attach these to the nomination letter.
- Nominations for this year's awards program must be received **no later than April 22nd, 2022.** If you have any questions regarding this process or would like assistance in nominating an individual or service, please contact Vermont EMS.

Award Categories & Criteria:

First Responder Service of the Year

This award is intended to recognize Vermont based and licensed EMS organizations for their excellence in operations and service to their communities.

- Is currently a Vermont-based licensed first responder service at any level
- Is active in local public education and or injury prevention efforts
- Has demonstrated positive relationships with the community(s) served, EMS District Board.

- Takes meaningful and visible steps to assure the professionalism of its personnel and quality of patient care provided
- Has identified areas where quality improvement is possible and has taken steps in these areas

Ambulance Service of the Year

This award is intended to recognize VT based and licensed EMS organizations for their excellence in operations and service to their communities.

- Is currently a Vermont based and licensed ambulance service at any level
- Is active in local public education and or injury prevention efforts
- Has demonstrated positive relationships with the community(s) served, EMS District Board, and receiving hospital(s)
- Takes meaningful and visible steps to assure the professionalism of its personnel and quality of patient care provided
- Has identified areas where quality improvement is possible and has taken steps in these areas

BLS Provider of the Year

This award is intended to recognize Vermont certified EMS personnel for their excellence in clinical skills, support of their EMS organizations, contributions to the development of other EMS professionals, or other involvement in the health and safety of communities in addition to providing emergency care.

- Is currently licensed in Vermont as an EMR or EMT
- Has made exceptional contributions to his/her EMS organization
- Has strong and consistent clinical skills at his/her licensure level
- Has made an outstanding contribution to the EMS system within or outside of his/her EMS organization
- May have been involved in EMS training, public education, injury prevention activities, specialty work with at risk populations, or similar functions

ALS Provider of the Year

This award is intended to recognize Vermont certified EMS personnel for their excellence in clinical skills, support of their EMS organizations, contributions to the development of other EMS professionals, or other involvement in the health and safety of communities in addition to providing emergency care.

- Is currently licensed in Vermont as an AEMT or Paramedic
- Has made exceptional contributions to his/her EMS organization
- Has strong and consistent clinical skills at his/her licensure level
- Has made an outstanding contribution to the EMS system within or outside of his/her EMS organization
- May have been involved in EMS training, public education, injury prevention activities, specialty work with at risk populations, or similar functions

Educator of the Year

This award is intended to recognize Vermont licensed EMS personnel for their excellence in education.

- Is currently a licensed provider in Vermont
- Has made exceptional contributions to education at the service and/or district level
- Has furthered their own education for the benefit of others

EMS for Children Champion of the Year

This award is intended to recognize an individual or organization that exemplifies outstanding dedication and service to the contribution, development and/or enhancement of EMS for children in Vermont.

- Is currently a licensed provider in Vermont
- Has gone above and beyond to enhance care for pediatrics or provide injury and illness prevention programs for children
- Has made exceptional contributions to pediatric EMS care at the service and/or district level

Vermont EMS Lifetime Award

This award honors an individual who has made an extraordinary contribution to the advancement of EMS prehospital care representing in effect, a **lifetime** of outstanding service to the profession and the public.

- Has made significant contributions to prehospital care in Vermont; this person may be a nurse, doctor, EMS educator, EMS provider, volunteer, etc.
- This person does NOT need to be a currently licensed provider
- Has been involved in EMS for at least 25 years

Please email your nomination(s) to [Merrill Pine](mailto:merrill.pine@vermont.gov) at merrill.pine@vermont.gov by April 22nd, 2022