**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.

**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. Must be postmarked by May 1. Please send nominations to: