



## **Commendation Program**

**Purpose:** To provide guidelines for the awarding of a commendation to a certified EMS provider within the Emergency Health Services Federation (EHSF) region.

**Guideline:** The EHSF will work with the County EMS Councils, specifically the County EMS Council President or delegate, to fulfill a request for a commendation award. The EHSF will maintain a database of the awards given. If a request is made through the EHSF office for an award outside of the County Council, the EHSF will work with the requestor to make contact with the appropriate person(s).

### ***Indication:***

1. **Medal of Valor**  
A certified EMS provider in the EHSF region who performs an exceptional valorous act, distinguished by extraordinary heroism or performance
  - Awarded by each of the eight County EMS Council presidents or delegate(s) in agreement
2. **25 Years of Service**  
A certified EMS provider (EMSVO, EMR, EMT, AEMT, Paramedic, PHRN, PHPE, and Prehospital EMS Physician) or 9-1-1 Communications Center Dispatcher in the EHSF region achieving 25 years or more of EMS service
  - This is a one-time provider presentation award, which will be awarded by the EHSF annually in May
3. **SCTF (Strike) Team Member**  
The EMS Task Force Coordinators within the EHSF region will be responsible for determining eligibility of this award
4. **Special Deployment Award**  
Special Deployment awards will be handled on a case-by-case basis
5. **Clinical Save**  
A certified EMS provider in the EHSF region who was primarily involved in the prehospital clinical care of a patient based on the following:
  - Patient presented or became pulseless and/or apneic to prehospital personnel;
  - Appropriate ALS and/or BLS intervention and treatment were rendered; and
  - Patient was transported to the hospital and subsequently discharged from the hospital without significant neurological impairment
6. **Prehospital Delivery**  
A certified EMS provider in the EHSF region who assisted in the delivery of a baby in the field with the following occurring:
  - Baby must actually be delivered by EMS personnel and prior to arrival at a hospital; and
  - Recipient must have participated in assisting with patient care during the birth

7. Advanced Life Support Provider of the Year  
A certified AEMT, Paramedic, PHRN, PHPE, or Prehospital EMS Physician in the EHSF region who made a significant contribution in any of the following:
  - Education and training of prehospital care providers and/or the community
  - Planning and development of Advanced Life Support systems with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
  - Leadership in the advancement of prehospital care as an allied health profession
  - Research in prehospital medicine
  - Actively providing care at the ALS level (i.e. annual ALS skills verification)
  - Leadership among peers
  
8. Basic Life Support Provider of the Year  
A certified EMR or EMT in the EHSF region who made a significant contribution in any of the following:
  - Education and training of prehospital care providers and/or the community
  - Planning and development of Basic Life Support systems within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
  - Leadership in the advancement of prehospital care as an allied health profession
  - Research in prehospital medicine
  - Actively providing care at the BLS level
  - Leadership among peers
  
9. EMS Educator of the Year  
A certified EMS instructor in the EHSF region who has made a significant contribution in any of the following:
  - Leadership in the advancement of instructional techniques in the prehospital environment
  - Administration of EMS education or training program (i.e. CPR, AED, injury prevention) for the community
  - Actively participates in EMS classes and/or certification examinations
  
10. Distinguished Provider  
A certified EMS provider in the EHSF region who has positively impacted the service or community through longevity of exceptional service
  
11. Meritorious Service Award  
A certified EMS provider in the EHSF region who went above and beyond the call of duty during an atypical EMS incident
  - A patient care report must be submitted with this award request to provide documentation of the clinical patient care provided in relation to an atypical EMS response (i.e. trench rescue, placental abruption, choking, entrapment, burns, etc.)
  - This award will be reviewed by the eight County EMS Council presidents or delegate(s) and the EHSF
  
12. Excellence in Emergency Medical Dispatch  
A 9-1-1 Communications Center Dispatcher in the EHSF region who demonstrated exemplary service to a community member in need. This dispatcher provides professional and compassionate support on a daily basis or rose above the daily challenges and as a result made a difference in the patient's outcome

**Exclusion:** Non-certified EMS providers

**Process:** The EMS agency will submit a completed request to their respective County EMS Council. The County EMS Council will verify the information and forward to the EHSF for processing. The EHSF assumes the respective County EMS Council validated the information and determined the candidate is worthy of the requested award. The County EMS Council president/designee will receive the award from the EHSF to provide to the EMS agency.

**Please note not all commendation bars are stocked at the EHSF and may need to ordered, which may take six to eight weeks.**



**Commendation Request Form**

**Requestor Information:**

<b>EMS Agency:</b> _____
<b>Provider(s) w/ cert number(s):</b> _____ _____ _____
<b>Summary of event:</b> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
<b>Date of Event:</b> _____
<b>Anticipated awarding details:</b> _____ _____ _____

**County EMS Council**

<b>Reviewed by:</b> _____	<b>Date:</b> _____
<b>Support request:</b> Yes ____ No ____	<b>Date forwarded to EHSF:</b> _____
<b>Type of award:</b> _____	<b>Quantity:</b> _____
<b>Do you want EHSF present:</b> No ____ Yes ____ (please contact our office with details)	

**EHSF**

<b><u>OFFICE INFORMATION</u></b>	
Information placed in database? _____	EHSF attending the awarding? _____
Commendation Bar in stock? _____	Who? _____
If Not: Notification to Requestor made? _____	When: _____
Order placed? _____	When: _____
Commendation Bar given to requestor? _____	When: _____