

# Meritorious Act Nomination Form

Region 1  
Western Massachusetts Emergency Medical Services, Inc.

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**Section 1** (Please print name as you wish it to appear on award certificate).

**Only one nominee per form**

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

Work Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept./Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of action: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

**Section 2** : (Please Print legibly)

Reason for nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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Person Filing Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please :

- Complete sections 1 and 2
- Attach any additional information that may aid in the decision making process
- Send to: Western Mass EMS, **168 Industrial Park Dr**, Northampton, MA, 01060

*Note:* **ALL** information must be submitted in order for the Awards Committee to consider this request.

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**Awards Committee use only**

Date Nomination received: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ Findings: \_\_\_\_\_

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Recommendations: [ ] Approved [ ] Denied [ ] Need more info [ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

# Categories

The WMEMS Awards Committee recognizes the efforts of prehospital and civilian providers through three categories of awards:

1) **Prehospital Save:**

A prehospital save is presented when EMS personnel or a civilian are directly responsible for maintaining or improving a patient's condition in the prehospital setting. This action then allows the patient to lead a meaningful and productive post-incident life whereas the demise of the patient would have occurred without the intervention. We also include cases of exceptionally demonstrated skills done within the realm of certification, which enhance a patient's condition and/or recovery.

2) **Meritorious:**

Refer to an individual's effort which exceeds the call of duty while on or off the job. We will not present awards to people who foolishly enter dangerous situations.

3) **Recognition:**

To recognize an individual whose efforts within their field are directly responsible for benefiting the prehospital field. Rescues, incidents of long duration or calls of a difficult nature can also apply to this category.

## **Submission of Nomination**

If you were involved in a call or know of a situation which may qualify for one of the above categories please submit the appropriate nomination form (each category has its own form) with all necessary information to WMEMS, 168 Industrial Park Dr, Northampton, MA 01060, Attn: Awards Committee. The Awards Committee is very broad minded in evaluating the calls submitted and recognizing individuals involved. To submit a call or incident fill out the appropriate form, carefully printing the names of the nominees involved in the call/incident (including police, fire or other 1st Responders), a copy of the run sheet if applicable, the outcome of the patient and contributing factors if any.

## **Nomination Approval**

If the nomination is approved by the Awards Committee, a letter informing the recipient of the award will be sent, a certificate presented at the appropriate County EMS Committee award function during EMS Week in May and authorization to wear the appropriate bar (dependent upon dept or company policy). We ask that the individual organizations purchase the citation bars. Management will receive a copy of the recipient's letter for two reasons: 1) notifies management that the nomination was received and approved and 2) provides management with a copy of award letter for recipient's personnel file.

## **Deadline for Submissions**

In order to allow for the Awards Committee to review nominations and for the office to print the certificates, all nominations must be submitted by the **March 1st**. The award certificates will be presented during the County EMS Committee's award function during EMS Week (always the third week in May).

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