



Awards

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MEMSA recognizes individuals and organizations who have contributed significantly to high quality EMS and whose actions have resulted in better patient outcomes in the prehospital, emergency department or transportation phase of emergency care. Awards are presented each year at MEMSA's annual membership meeting during the MO EMS Conference & Expo.

Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

1. **SUBMISSION:** Online nominations and supporting materials (limit of six) must be uploaded to the online nomination form on the MEMSA website and clearly titled for submission.
2. **FORMAT:** All applications must be submitted using the online MEMSA Nomination Form and the nominee's resume must be uploaded. You may upload up to six supporting documents. Photographs or copies of photographs may be included as supporting documents by uploading them to the nomination form, but you are limited to six items total.
3. **DEADLINE:** The deadline to submit the online nomination form is midnight on May 31 each year.
4. **JUDGING:** Winners are determined through a process identified by MEMSA Board of Directors and the Awards Chairperson and will be objectively scored in the following areas:
 - a. Community support and involvement
 - b. EMS involvement
 - c. Contributions to the local and/or state EMS
 - d. Letters of recommendation/support (from medical director, community leaders, etc)
 - e. Other documentation that supports nomination.

Letters of support should be current and include the name of the award for which the person is being nominated. This may include letters from patients, community organizations, local government, peers, board of directors, etc.

To be considered for an award, nominations must have a thoroughly prepared application and supporting documentation.

5. **LIMIT ON AWARD NOMINATIONS:** An individual may only be considered for one MEMSA award annually. In the event that an individual is nominated for more than one award, the MEMSA Awards Chairperson and MEMSA President will assign that individual's nomination to one award category only. This is not to be considered an implied or expressed decision to present said award to that individual.
6. **ELIGIBILITY:** Refer to the Categories and Criteria below. No member of the MEMSA Board of Directors shall be eligible for ANY of the individual awards except the Presidential Leadership award. However, the service in which they are employed and the personnel are eligible for any of the awards.

7. **LETTERS OF SUPPORT:** See #2 and #5 above. Any member of the MEMSA Board of Directors may write letters of support for nominees without any statements which might indicate the support of the association or board such as, "On behalf of MEMSA."
8. **NOTIFICATION:** The Awards Chairperson will notify the MEMSA Board of Directors of the nominees before they are submitted for judging. Unless otherwise directed, only the nominators of the award recipients and the MEMSA Board and corporate sponsor representative (if applicable) will be notified of the award selection results prior to the event. Nominators of the candidates not chosen for an award will be informed as soon as the information is available.
9. **CONFLICT:** The Officers of MEMSA will have the final say of rule interpretation if conflict should arise. The Awards Chairperson will also be involved with this decision.
10. **BEMS:** The Director of the Bureau of EMS will be asked to assist in the presentation of the MEMSA awards.

CATEGORIES OF MEMSA AWARDS

FIRST RESPONDER INDIVIDUAL OR SERVICE

Criteria: Presented to a First Responder (individual or service) who has contributed most significantly to EMS at the local and/or state level.

KENNETH E. COLE MEMORIAL AWARD (EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAL)

Criteria: Presented to an EMT-B who has contributed most significantly to EMS at the local and or state level.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN – PARAMEDIC

Criteria: Presented to an EMT-Paramedic who has contributed most significantly to EMS at the local and/or state level.

NURSE

Criteria: Presented to an LPN or RN who has contributed most significantly to EMS at the Local and/or state level.

FRANK MITCHELL MEMORIAL AWARD PHYSICIAN

Criteria: Presented to an MD or DO who has contributed most significantly to EMS at the local and/or state level.

DISPATCHER/COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST

Criteria: Presented to a Dispatcher or Communication Specialist who has performed above the ordinary to support emergency personnel and the citizens being served.

JACK LYON MEMORIAL AWARD (INSTRUCTOR/COORDINATOR)

Criteria: Presented to an outstanding instructor of an ongoing EMT-B, EMT-P or continuing education program that is accredited by the Missouri Bureau of EMS (BEMS).

ADMINISTRATOR

Criteria: Presented to Administrator who has most significantly contributed to EMS at the local and/or state level.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

Criteria: Presented to an Emergency Medical Service which best exemplifies outstanding professionalism and service to the community and the people that it serves.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AWARD

The purpose of the award is to encourage the development of quality QI programs and stimulate quality research to evaluate how EMS is being conducted.

Criteria: Projects should have: 1) A statement of the problem or the question considered; 2) How the evaluation was conducted for the problem or question; 3) The conclusions reached following the evaluation and 4) The follow-up action taken because of the QI project. The length of the report should be no more than five pages.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The purpose of this award is to recognize those who make their communities a better place to live.

Criteria: Agencies, organizations or individuals who have developed and implemented injury prevention programs, EMS awareness and public education or other programs which best exemplify outstanding professionalism and service to the community and the people they serve.

PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP AWARD

Criteria: Presented to individuals deserving recognition for their service to and/or support of MEMSA and EMS in Missouri.

Anyone can nominate but the winner selected by MEMSA President