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TO: Licensed EMS Services  
Hospital Emergency Departments  
Medical Control Physicians  
Educational Facilities

RE: 2015 Award Nominations

Each year at the South Carolina Emergency Care Symposia Awards Ceremony, special recognition is given to members of the EMS Community. Awards are presented to those EMS professionals who have distinguished themselves during the previous year.

Take a moment to review the attached list of awards and the criteria for each. There are so many deserving individuals and services in South Carolina, I am sure you will know someone deserving of at least one award.

The rules are simple and the directions are easy to follow. Acknowledge someone you know that went the extra mile, served beyond the call of duty, or simply sets an example of what EMS is all about.

The deadline for Nominations is Friday, January 29, 2016.

Good luck and we'll see you in Myrtle Beach February 24-27!

# SOUTH CAROLINA EMS AWARDS PROGRAM

## NOMINATION FACE SHEET

(Must be included with Application Packet)

NOMINEE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

STATE CERTIFIED EMT? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATION LEVEL EMT-B \_\_\_\_\_ EMT-1 \_\_\_\_\_ EMT-P \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINEE'S PRIMARY OCCUPATION IF OTHER THAN EMS \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINEE'S EMS AGENCY (Include address, phone number, and description of nominee's duties) \_\_\_\_\_

### INDICATE FOR WHICH AWARD THIS NOMINATION IS BEING SUBMITTED:

1. EMT of the Year \_\_\_\_\_
2. EMT-1 of the Year \_\_\_\_\_
3. Paramedic of the Year \_\_\_\_\_
4. System of the Year-small (less than 2000 calls) \_\_\_\_\_
5. System of the Year-large (more than 2000 calls) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Director of the Year \_\_\_\_\_
7. Emergency Nurse of the Year \_\_\_\_\_
8. Medical Control Physician of the Year \_\_\_\_\_
9. Jack Niles \_\_\_\_\_
10. Curtis P. Artz \_\_\_\_\_
11. Warren D. McBride \_\_\_\_\_
12. EMS Telecommunicator of the Year \_\_\_\_\_
13. SC CEP Award for Excellence in EMS \_\_\_\_\_
14. PIER Award for Public Information & Education in EMS \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND THE NOMINATIONS IN TIME TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN January 29, 2016**

**e-mail to: [NeelyMW@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:NeelyMW@dhec.sc.gov)**

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (DAY) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (NIGHT) \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO NOMINEE \_\_\_\_\_

## 2015 AWARD DESCRIPTIONS AND SPECIFIC CRITERIA

### EMT OF THE YEAR AWARD

**Criteria:** Presented to an EMT who has contributed most significantly to EMS at the community, state and/or national level. This award is not for heroic acts.

**Eligibility:** Any EMT

**Nominated By:** Anyone

**Who Selects the Recipient:** Awards Committee

**Award Given:** Plaque

**When Given:** Annual Awards Ceremony

### EMT-I or AEMT OF THE YEAR AWARD

**Criteria:** EMT-I/AEMT who has contributed most significantly to EMS at the community, state or national level. This award is not for heroic acts.

**Eligibility:** EMT-I/AEMT only. Open only to those individuals whose primary responsibility is providing direct patient care.

**Nominated By:** Anyone

**Who Selects the Recipient:** Awards Committee

**Award Given:** Plaque

**When Given:** Annual Awards Ceremony

### PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR AWARD

**Criteria:** Paramedic who has contributed most significantly to EMS at the community, state or national level. This award is not for heroic acts.

**Eligibility:** Paramedics only. Open only to those individuals whose primary responsibility is providing direct patient care.

**Nominated By:** Anyone

**Who Selects the Recipient:** Awards Committee

**Award Given:** Plaque

**When Given:** Annual Awards Ceremony

### SYSTEM OF THE YEAR AWARD (Category I – Small)

**Criteria:** Ambulance service which exemplifies outstanding professionalism and service to its community. Examples of these contributions might include any of the following.

1. Exceptional programs/results in training of personnel.
2. Significant awareness by the community of importance of your local EMS system and/or professionalism of system of employees from:
  - a. Letters from patients
  - b. Local government support
  - c. Local media
  - d. Award received, etc.

3. Significant contribution to citizen awareness for injury prevention, EMS access, and EMS career opportunities through:
  - a. School programs
  - b. Business support
  - c. Health fairs, etc.

**Eligibility:** Any ambulance service that made less than 2,000 calls during the previous year.

**Nominated By:** Anyone

**Who Selects Recipient:** Awards Committee

**Award Given:** Plaque

**When Given:** Annual Awards Ceremony

### **SYSTEM OF THE YEAR AWARD (Category II – Large)**

**Criteria:** Ambulance service which exemplifies outstanding professionalism and service to its community. Examples of these contributions might include any of the following.

1. Exceptional programs/results in training of personnel.
2. Significant awareness by the community of importance of your local EMS system and/or professionalism of system of employees from:
  - e. Letters from patients
  - f. Local government support
  - g. Local media
  - h. Award received, etc.
3. Significant contribution to citizen awareness for injury prevention, EMS access, and EMS career opportunities through:
  - i. School programs
  - j. Business support
  - k. Health fairs, etc.

**Eligibility:** Any ambulance service that made more than 2,000 calls during the previous year.

**Nominated By:** Anyone

**Who Selects Recipient:** Awards Committee

**Award Given:** Plaque

**When Given:** Annual Awards Ceremony

### **DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Criteria:** EMS/RS Director who has contributed most significantly to EMS at the community, state, or national level.

**Eligibility:** Open to any director of a licensed ambulance service – paid or volunteer.

**Nominated By:** Anyone

**Who Selects Recipient:** Awards Committee

**Award Given:** Plaque

**When Given:** Annual Awards Ceremony

### **EMERGENCY NURSE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Criteria:** EMS nurse who has contributed most significantly to EMS at the community, state, or national level.

**Eligibility:** Open to any nurse involved with EMS.

**Nominated By:** Anyone

**Who Selects Recipient:** Awards Committee

**Award Given:** Plaque

**When Given:** Annual Awards Ceremony

### **MEDICAL CONTROL PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR**

**Criteria:** Medical control physician who has contributed most significantly to EMS at the community, state, or national level.

**Eligibility:** Open to any medical control physician.

**Nominated By:** Anyone

**Who Selects Recipient:** Awards Committee

**Award Given:** Plaque

**When Given:** Annual Awards Ceremony

### **EMS EDUCATORS AWARD/JACK NILES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION**

**Criteria:** Presented to that individual who has demonstrated outstanding contribution to the improvement of EMS through education and training of the community and/or EMS providers.

**Eligibility:** Any individual involved in improvement of EMS through educational goals. Must be certified as an EMT, EMT-I/AEMT or Paramedic Instructor.

**Nominated By:** Anyone

**Who Selects Recipient:** Awards Committee

**Award Given:** Plaque

**When Given:** Annual Awards Ceremony

### **CURTIS P. ARTZ AWARD**

**Criteria:**

1. Does the situation or incident being cited deal with a person's or group of peoples' primary performance as an emergency medical care professional?
2. Do the actions of the nominee(s) exceed the normal expectations of others holding equivalent certifications and faced with a similar situation?
3. Did the nominee(s) subject himself/herself to unusual risks in an effort to render urgently needed medical care to the patient(s)?
4. Was the risk, if any, necessary in terms of the severity of the situation? In other words, did the nominee(s) assess the overall situation and then knowingly accept the risk for the sake of caring for the patient?
5. Is the supporting documentation adequate to confirm and substantiate the reason for nomination?

**Eligibility:** Any prehospital provider, EMT (all levels), dispatcher, first responder, registered nurses or physician in a prehospital setting.

**Nominated By:** Anyone

**Who Selects Recipient:** Lowcountry EMS Board

**Award Given:** Plaque

**When Given:** Annual Awards Ceremony

The Curtis P. Artz Memorial Award is presented **only** if there is a nominee who meets the specific criteria listed above.

**\*Note:** The award is not given based on the degree of blind risk taken by someone, but on a well thought out response to a medical emergency in the field where the situation at hand required extraordinary performance in order to save life, limb and/or eyesight and where an option *not to act* could have been exercised.

### **WARREN D. MCBRIDE AWARD**

**Criteria:** Presented to that individual who has demonstrated outstanding contribution to the improvement of EMS through a continuing long-term commitment to the citizens of South Carolina.

**Eligibility:** Any individual involved in improvement of EMS. Normally administrative and not required to be a direct patient care provider.

**Who Selects Recipient:** EMS Association

**Award Given:** Plaque

**When Given:** Annual Awards Ceremony

### **EMS TELECOMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR**

**Criteria:** Presented to that individual who has contributed most effectively to the dispatch operation of an EMS provider. Not to be used for heroic actions.

**Eligibility:** Must work or volunteer to dispatch EMS among other duties.

**Who Selects Recipient:** Awards Committee

**Award Given:** Plaque

**When Given:** Annual Awards Ceremony

### **SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE OF EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS EXCELLENCE IN EMS**

**Criteria:** Any EMT-B, I, P who satisfies the following:

1. Either through his/her clinical activities, voluntary activities, or non-clinical humanitarian assistance, is a shining example of the altruistic ideal in emergency medical services, and/or
2. By example, has enhanced the image of emergency medical services, and/or
3. Has increased the activity level of EMS within the state.

**Eligibility:** Any EMT\_B, I, P

**Nominated:** Anyone

**Who Selects Recipient:** SC CEP Board of Directors

**Award Given:** Plaque

**When Given:** Annual Awards Ceremony

### **PIER AWARD FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION IN EMS**

**Criteria: The candidates will submit examples of their work over the past 12-Months as follows:**

4. Public Relations
  - a. The presentation should be on what your service did to make known EMS in the community.
  - b. Documentation of Public Relations Events you had for the current year.
  - c. Pictures of related events.
  - d. How did you let the public know about your service?
5. Education:
  - a. What type of events did you do to teach the public about safety, drug use, drinking or driving, car seat safety and other injury prevention programs?
  - b. Participation in 3D Week, EMS Week, or other related educational activities.
6. Public Information / Other:
  - a. Present/list any other items, events activities showing your participation in PIER activities.
  - b. Active Public Information Officer on staff or dedicated to the service and/or organization.
  - c. Documentation of public information classes or training as conducted for staff or other public safety agencies.

**Eligibility:** Any EMS service.

**Nominated:** Anyone

**Who Selects Recipient:** Awards Committee

**Award Given:** Plaque (One for a large service (more than 2,000 calls in the previous year), and one for a small service (less than 2,000 calls in the previous year)

**When Given:** Annual Awards **Ceremony**

## Curtis P. Artz, M.D., Memorial Award Award Criteria

The Curtis P. Artz Award was established as a memorial to the outstanding role Dr. Artz played in the establishment of emergency medical services in South Carolina. Dr. Artz, who died in 1977, was nationally recognized for his role in establishing regional burn centers and trauma centers and was acclaimed as one of the world's leading authorities in that field. Dr. Artz was also instrumental in the establishment of the regional EMS system in the Lowcountry and served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Lowcountry Regional EMS Council and as Chairman of the Department of Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina.

The award was presented for the first time in 1978 for the purpose of recognizing outstanding performance, above and beyond the call of duty, in the field of emergency medicine. Each year, the Board of Directors of the Lowcountry Regional EMS Council presents the Curtis P. Artz Memorial Award to an individual, or group of individuals, who perform above and beyond the level normally expected of a similarly trained individual in rendering direct emergency medical care to a patient. While many persons are deeply involved in the various areas of emergency medicine, it is those persons who take the patient care to the field that make EMS the lifesaving service that it is. For this reason, it is the EMS personnel who work the "streets" whom we wish to recognize and honor with this award.

Nominations for this award are evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Does the situation or incident being cited deal with a person's or group of peoples' primary performance as an emergency medical care professional?
2. Do the actions of the nominee(s) exceed the normal expectations of others holding equivalent certifications and faced with a similar situation?
3. Did the nominee(s) subject himself/herself to unusual risks in an effort to render urgently needed medical care to the patient(s)?
4. Was the risk, if any, necessary in terms of the severity of the situation? In other words, did the nominee(s) assess the overall situation and then knowingly accept the risk for the sake of caring for the patient?
5. Is the supporting documentation adequate to confirm and substantiate the reason for nomination?

**Note: The award is not given based on the degree of blind risk taken by someone, but on a well thought out response to a medical emergency in the field where the situation at hand required extraordinary performance in order to save life, limb and/or eyesight and where an option not to act could have been exercised.**

The Curtis P. Artz Memorial Award is presented **only** if there is a nominee who meets the specific criteria listed above.



## EMS AWARDS PROGRAM RULES AND CRITERIA

### GENERAL GUIDANCE

Persons preparing nominations are advised that, although not strictly required, supporting documentation and a complete application are virtual requirements for a successful nomination. Submitting only the face sheet, or a single page document in support of a nomination, rarely results in a favorable outcome. Applicants are encouraged to be creative in using the space allowed, and to begin early to collect supporting documents, press clippings, etc.

A suggestion for applicants is to try to present the candidate(s) strengths according to the four scoring criteria in the first three to six pages, and to then document this information with photographs, copies of the proclamations and certificates, press clippings, and letters of support in the remaining pages. By creatively positioning several photos or clippings, the applicant can save space and maximize the information presented to the reader.

Applicants are cautioned that photo which are illegible or indecipherable by the readers may be worse than no copy at all.

The readers may not know the candidate, therefore, be as all-inclusive as possible by concisely presenting the important information that will lead to a high score.

All information should support a candidate for deeds or valor that took place during 2015.

### AWARDS CRITERIA

**PAGE LIMIT:** Nominations shall not exceed 10 pages.

**FORMAT:** All nominations of individuals should include a resume not to exceed two pages in length. Typewritten nominations are encouraged to insure the judges complete understanding of what you are trying to say. Pictures may be pasted to the page along with newspaper accounts or other text or graphics. Do not send tapes, (audio or visuals) slides or movies.

**DEADLINE:** All nominations must be received no later than **January 29, 2016**

**\* All award nominations that are not submitted in the above format, will be returned to the sender.**

**JUDGING:**

Awards which are decided by the Awards Committee will be objectively scored according to criteria. A panel of no less than three members will make all decisions, and the decision of the panel is final. All nominations are scored on a zero to ten-point range with criteria categories. Applicants are urged to address all categories to receive the maximum possible point score.

The four categories are:

Individual

1. What has the individual accomplished to improve EMS?
2. Community involvement of the individual.
3. Credentials or awards.
4. Letters of recommendation.

Service

1. Improvement of service over the last year.
2. Community involvement of the service.
3. Credentials or awards of service.
4. Letters of recommendations.

A perfect nomination would receive a score of 40 points from each reader.

**LIMITS ON  
NOMINATIONS  
AND AWARDS:**

An individual can only be considered for one award annually among those decided by the Awards Committee. In the event that a person is nominated for more than one award, that person's nomination will be assigned to one award category only. Such assignment is not an implied or expressed decision to present the award to the person.

**RESUBMISSIONS:**

Unsuccessful nominations previously submitted must be completely updated before being re-submitted. Care must also be taken to assure that letters of support refer to the award for which the person is being nominated. A nomination for the EMT of the Year Award, for example, must not contain year-old letters taken from a nomination for another award.