



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
STATE EMS AWARDS**



2008 AWARD CATEGORIES

- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Paramedic
- Dispatcher
- EMS Provider
- EMS Education (individual or organization)
- EMS for Children (individual or organization)
- Injury Prevention
- Larry S. Jordan - EMS Hall of Fame
- Raymond H. Alexander - EMS Medical Direction
- Marilyn Crook EMS Pioneer Award
- EMS Memorial
- EMS Nursing
- Photo and/or Video (individual or organization)
- Friend to EMS (individual or organization)



REVIEW CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used to evaluate nominations for the State EMS Awards:

Emergency Medical Technician

This award recognizes an EMT who:

- is a non-administrative, certified EMT whose primary job is direct patient care
- currently has no administrative action pending from the Department of Health
- has demonstrated exceptional qualities in one or more of the following areas: quality assurance/improvement, patient care, medical control, disaster preparedness, or public education and/or training
- has acted “above and beyond the call of duty” in response to the EMS community and /or profession
- has successfully implemented a program or initiative that supports the fulfillment of the Florida EMS Strategic Plan which can be found at: <http://www.fl-ems.com>

Paramedic

This award recognizes a paramedic who:

- is a non-administrative, certified paramedic whose primary job is direct patient care
- currently has no administrative action pending from the Department of Health
- has demonstrated exceptional qualities in one or more of the following areas: quality assurance/improvement, patient care, medical control, disaster preparedness, or public education and/or training
- has acted “above and beyond the call of duty” in response to the EMS community and /or profession
- has successfully implemented a program or initiative that supports the fulfillment of the Florida EMS Strategic Plan which can be found at: <http://www.fl-ems.com>

Dispatcher

This award recognizes an individual who:

- has demonstrated outstanding effort in processing a medical emergency call
- has demonstrated outstanding efforts in educating the public on 911
- has successfully implemented a program or initiative that supports the fulfillment of the Florida EMS Strategic Plan which can be found at: <http://www.fl-ems.com>

EMS Provider

This award recognizes a licensed EMS provider that:

- currently has no administrative action pending from the Department of Health
- has assumed a leadership role in the Florida EMS system and community
- has demonstrated outstanding initiative in the area of public education and/or training
- has demonstrated excellence in the areas of quality assurance/improvement and medical control protocol development/implementation
- has successfully implemented a program or initiative that supports the fulfillment of the Florida EMS Strategic Plan which can be found at: <http://www.fl-ems.com>

EMS Education

This award recognizes an individual (or organization) who:

- is recognized as an educator of a Florida EMS training program, Florida approved continuing education provider, or licensed EMS service
- has assumed a leadership role in the field of EMS education
- has made a positive contribution to EMS education in the community, state, or nation
- currently has no administrative action pending from the Department of Health
- has successfully implemented a program or initiative that supports the fulfillment of the Florida EMS Strategic Plan which can be found at: <http://www.fl-ems.com>

EMS for Children

This award recognizes an individual (or organization) who:

- has demonstrated outstanding achievement in pediatric education
- has a comprehensive understanding of the unique needs of the pediatric patient
- has successfully integrated pediatric issues into current disaster management efforts
- has assumed a leadership role in EMSC within the community, state, or nation
- has made a significant contribution (e.g., development of product or program) that has improved emergency care for children and their families
- currently has no administrative action pending from the Department of Health
- has successfully implemented a program or initiative that supports the fulfillment of the Florida EMS Strategic Plan which can be found at: <http://www.fl-ems.com>

Larry S. Jordan - EMS Hall of Fame

This award recognizes an individual who:

- is viewed as a national advocate for EMS, increasing public attention and action at the highest levels
- has devoted a significant part of his/her life to promoting and advancing prehospital emergency care
- has worked to change the manner in which we care for patients throughout the entire continuum of care
- has been active on numerous committees and boards at the state and national levels

- has had EMS related works published in journals, textbooks, and/or other publications
- has a minimum of 20 years experience in the field of EMS
- currently has no administrative action pending from the Department of Health
- has successfully implemented a program or initiative that supports the fulfillment of the Florida EMS Strategic Plan which can be found at: <http://www.fl-ems.com>

Raymond H. Alexander - EMS Medical Direction

This award recognizes an individual who:

- is a licensed Florida physician
- has assumed a leadership role in EMS within the community, state, or nation
- has demonstrated excellence in the areas of quality assurance/improvement and medical control
- has successfully promoted the use of new medical trends and technologies
- currently has no administrative action pending from the Department of Health
- has successfully implemented a program or initiative that supports the fulfillment of the Florida EMS Strategic Plan which can be found at: <http://www.fl-ems.com>

Marilyn Crook EMS Pioneer Award

This award recognizes an individual who has advanced the EMS profession and/or system:

- through visionary leadership:
 - by setting directions and creating patient focus, clear and visible values, and high expectations while balancing the needs of all EMS stakeholders.
 - by ensuring the creation of strategies, systems, and methods for achieving performance excellence, stimulating innovation, building knowledge and capabilities, and ensuring EMS sustainability.
- through managing for innovation. Innovation means making meaningful change to improve EMS products, services, programs, processes, and operations and to create new value for EMS stakeholders.
- by promoting the use of best practices by building internal and external partnerships to address common issues, enhance communication, and evaluate progress to adapt to changing conditions in the EMS system

EMS Nursing

This award recognizes an individual who:

- is currently a licensed registered nurse
- has provided leadership in the area of emergency medical services
- has demonstrated independent initiative in one or more of the following areas: education, clinical care, community service, or disaster management
- has successfully implemented a program or initiative that supports the fulfillment of the Florida EMS Strategic Plan which can be found at: <http://www.fl-ems.com>

EMS Injury Prevention

This award recognizes an individual who:

- currently holds Florida certification as an EMT/Paramedic or is a licensed RN or physician that is employed with a licensed EMS agency pursuant to Chapter 401, F.S.
- currently has no administrative action pending from the Department of Health.

- has demonstrated outstanding initiative and promoted best practices to prevent injuries, in at least one area of injury prevention, such as motor vehicle safety, drowning, falls or burn prevention, etc...
- has been active on injury prevention committees, task forces, or boards, at the local, state and/or national level
- responds to injury problems within communities by regularly going beyond duties as assigned.
- successfully integrated injury prevention issues into emergency care efforts.
- has successfully implemented a program or initiative that supports the fulfillment of the Florida EMS Strategic Plan which can be found at: <http://www.fl-ems.com>

******Please note:** The PIER Committee of the EMS Advisory Council will review and select the recipient for this award only. *PIER (Public Information Education and Relations) Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the EMS Advisory Council on issues related to injury prevention.*

EMS Memorial

This award recognizes an individual who has lost his/her life in the line of duty. Please report any of these unfortunate casualties to the Bureau of EMS that occurred after July 2007. These individuals will be recognized for their sacrifice at the awards ceremony and be inducted into the EMS Memorial in Tallahassee.

Photo and/or Video

This award recognizes an individual (or organization) who submits a photo (color or black & white) and/or video that **clearly** depicts the 2008 National EMS Week theme: "EMS: Your Life Is Our Mission." Amateur and professional photographs/videos accepted.

In order to be considered, all color and black and white photo submissions must include the attached release form signed by the submitting agency and/or the individuals in the photos.

Friend to EMS

This award recognizes an individual (or organization) that is not employed with an EMS organization, but has successfully enhanced EMS through their partnership or promotion of EMS activities, such as, preparedness, injury prevention, or other initiatives identified in the Florida EMS Strategic Plan which can be found at: <http://www.fl-ems.com> etc...

REVIEW PROCESS

An awards selection committee comprised of bureau staff will review nominations and supporting documentation and make award recommendations to the EMS Bureau Chief. **The committee reserves the right to forgo the presentation of an award if an appropriate candidate is not identified.** The Injury Prevention Award is the only exception as it will be determined by the PIER Committee of the EMS Advisory Council.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Recipients of each award category will be notified prior to National EMS Week. Award notification letters will be mailed to award recipients, as well as the individual or organization who nominated them. Each recipient will be honored at an evening award ceremony sponsored by the Emergency Medicine Learning & Resource Center in conjunction with the EMS Advisory Council & Constituency Group Meetings and ClinCon . The ceremony will be held Wednesday, July 9, 2008.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To nominate an individual or organization please submit the following:

Nomination Entry Sheet: Please complete the attached nomination entry sheet and indicate the award for which you are applying.

Summary Statement Guidelines: Prepare a statement to depict the nominee's qualities and contributions to EMS in Florida. Include why the nominee is exceptionally qualified and should be selected for this award. Break down the nomination criteria by specifics and describe how the nominee has excelled in each area specified in the criteria. Be specific. If you do not address **EACH** component of the nomination, you will lose points.

******This does not apply to the photo and video categories. Simply submit the photo or video with the signed release form(s) and describe the event in the photo or video.**

Supporting Materials: Supporting materials are limited to 10 pages and can include articles, letters, resume (if necessary) and any additional information to support the candidate's nomination.

Electronic Photograph: You **MUST** submit an electronic photograph (high resolution JPEG) of the nominee and include the attached photo release form **completed and signed** by that individual or organization. This photo will be incorporated into the awards ceremony in the event the nominee is selected as a winner.

CHECK FOR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS BEFORE YOU SUBMIT THE NOMINATION:

- _____ Selected the most appropriate category for the nominee
- _____ Nomination form and support materials included
- _____ Electronic photograph (high resolution JPEG) of nominee enclosed
- _____ **Signed** release form(s) enclosed for **all** photos or videos submitted
- _____ Summary statement follows the guidelines listed above

******Failure to provide ALL the necessary information will lead to the disqualification of the nominee.**

DEADLINE

All applications must be emailed or postmarked by **March 14, 2008**. Mail materials to:

**Lisa Walker, State Awards Coordinator
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
4052 Bald Cypress Way Bin C-18
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1738**

**OR email documents to her at:
Lisa_Walker2@doh.state.fl.us.**



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2008 NOMINATION ENTRY SHEET

Check only **one** category for each nomination. Nominate only one person, agency, or organization.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> EMT | <input type="checkbox"/> Larry S. Jordan – Hall of Fame |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paramedic | <input type="checkbox"/> Raymond H. Alexander, Medical Direction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dispatcher | <input type="checkbox"/> EMS Memorial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMS Provider | <input type="checkbox"/> EMS Nursing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMS Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMS for Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Video |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EMS Injury Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Marilyn Crook EMS Pioneer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend of EMS | |

Nominee’s Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **E-mail:** _____

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY

Nominator’s Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **E-mail:** _____

Prepare a summary statement describing how the nominee meets the award criteria. Please refer to the summary statement guidelines on page 5.

All applications must be emailed or postmarked by **March 14, 2008**. Mailed materials (see checklist on page 5) should be sent to:

Lisa Walker
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C18
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1738
(850) 245-4440, Extension 2733
Fax: (850) 488-9408 or E-mail: Lisa_Walker2@doh.state.fl.us



Florida Department of Health
Internet, Intranet Release Form

Photo/Digital Image (*Attach printed copy*) Sound Recordings Video Clips

Description: _____

I hereby give my informed written consent for the above described photographs, digital images, sound recordings, or video clips of me to be used specifically on the Florida Department of Health Internet or Intranet web sites.

It is my understanding that the Florida Department of Health may use such material until I revoke this authorization in writing and submit it to the Internet or Intranet Webmaster.

Name (Print: Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)

Address: _____

Telephone Number (including area code): _____

If applicable, print name of Parent or Legal Guardian (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian required if under 18 years of age)

Witness Name (Print: Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)

Witness Signature

I am revoking this consent. Date: _____

I understand that I may only revoke consent for items that I have provided permission, and that every effort will be made to remove the item from the site within a reasonable time frame. I also understand that this file may have been copied without permission and I agree not to hold the Department of Health responsible for instances of these violations. The Department of Health agrees to remove from the site as many copies of the item as possible; however, if a copy is located within the site after the fact, I may provide the written URL, address, location, or other appropriate information to have it removed.

Signature: _____
(Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian required if under 18 years of age)