



Commendation Program

Purpose: To provide guidelines for the awarding of a Commendation to a certified EMS Provider within the EHSF Region.

Guideline: The EHSF will work with the EMS County Councils, specifically the EMS County Council President or designee 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, EHSF will work with the requestor to make contact with the appropriate person(s).

Indication:

1. **Medal of Valor**
A candidate will be a member of the Emergency Health Services Federation EMS Community who performs an exceptional valorous act, distinguished by extraordinary heroism or performance. This will be awarded by *Committee which will consist of the eight EMS County Council Presidents*
2. **25 Year Service**
The EHSF recognizes EMS providers, (FR, EMT, EMT-P, PHRN, Health Physician, Other) achieving 25 years or more of active EMS Service. This is a one-time provider presentation Award which will be awarded by EHSF.
3. **SCTF (Strike) Team Member**
There are five EMS Task Force coordinators within the EHSF region. These coordinators 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 member of the Emergency Health Services Federation EMS Community who was primarily involved in the pre-hospital clinical care of a patient based on the following:
 - Patient initially presented to pre-hospital personnel pulseless and/or apneic.
 - Appropriate ALS and/or BLS intervention and treatment were rendered.
 - Patient was transported to the hospital and subsequently discharged from the hospital without significant neurological impairment.
6. **Pre-Hospital Delivery**
The Pre-Hospital Delivery Commendation shall be presented to an EMS Provider who assisted in the delivery of a baby in the field. The following needs to occur:
 - Baby must actually be delivered by EMS personnel and prior to arrival at Hospital, and
 - Recipient must actually have participated in assisting with patient care during the birth

7. Advanced Life Support Provider of the Year-

An EMT-P, PHRN, or Health Professional Physician who is currently certified in the Commonwealth of PA who has made a significant contribution in any of the following:

- Education and training of pre-hospital care providers.
- Planning and development of Advanced Life Support systems with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Leadership in the advancement in pre-hospital care as an allied health profession
- Research in pre-hospital medicine
- Actively providing care at the paramedic level (i.e., medical command authorization)
- Leadership among peers

8. Basic Life Support Provider of the Year

A First Responder or EMT who is currently certified in the Commonwealth of PA, who has made a significant contribution in any of the following:

- Education and training of the community
- Planning and development of Basic Life Support systems within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Leadership in the advancement of pre-hospital emergency medical care as an allied health profession
- Education and training of pre-hospital care providers
- Leadership in the advancement of existing Basic Life Support systems

9. EMS Educator of the Year-

An EMS Instructor who is currently certified in the Commonwealth of PA, who has made a significant contribution in any of the following:

- Leadership in the advancement of instructional techniques in the pre-hospital environment
- Administration of EMS educational or training programs (i.e., CPR, AED, injury prevention) for the community
- Actively participates in EMS classes and or certification examinations

10. Distinguished Provider

A member of the Emergency Health Services Federation EMS community who has positively impacted the service or community through longevity of exceptional service.

Exclusion: Non certified EMS Providers.

Process: The County Council will complete a request form which will then be submitted to EHSF. It is the assumption of the EHSF that the County Council has validated the information to be accurate and correct and the candidate is worthy of the requested award.

The Commendation Bar will be given to the County Council President to award to the individual (s).

It should be noted that not all Commendation Bars are stocked at the EHSF and lead time maybe needed to place the order, typical lead time is approximately six –eight weeks.

Commendation Request Form

Requestor Information:

EMS Agency: _____

Providers w/ cert number: _____

Summary of event: _____

Date of event: _____

Anticipated awarding details: _____

County EMS Council

Reviewed by: _____ **Date:** _____

Support request: Yes ____ No ____ **Date forwarded to EHSF:** _____

Type of award: _____ **Quantity:** _____

Do you want EHSF present: No ____ Yes ____ (*please contact our office with details*)

EHSF

OFFICE INFORMATION

Information placed in database? _____ EHSF attending the awarding? _____
 Who? _____

Commendation Bar in stock? _____
 If Not: Notification to Requestor made? _____ When: _____
 Order placed? _____ When: _____

Commendation Bar given to requestor? _____ When: _____