# Greater Fall River / New Bedford EMS Conference Nomination Form



Dear Chief, Administrator, or EMS Coordinator

As you know the Greater Fall River EMS Coordinating Committee (GFREMSCC) has been involved in enhancing the way EMS is being delivered to the residents and visitors of the Greater Fall River and the Greater New Bedford Region for many years. However since the Bristol County Sheriff's Office took over the communication portion of our role, the committee has decided to focus its attention on enhancing the education to the providers in the area.

Over the past few years we had multiple meetings and we have agreed to sponsor a conference to be held annually within our region. This conference is designed to bring a higher level of education to the area and inform the providers of new therapies, skills, equipment, or protocols that are currently being used or on something that will be on the horizon.

We have also realized that we are truly fortunate to have the EMS providers that we have provide such a high level of EMS to the residents and visitors of our sub regional area. We feel that it is time that we acknowledge these individuals through an annual award ceremony. This award ceremony will take place after the lunch break of the conference. During this ceremony we will acknowledge all the individuals nominated and we will also present an award to the nominee who was chosen to receive this award by the GFREMSCC.

Please take the time to review the enclosed application and assist us by nominating someone within your organization for one of these awards.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Todd Correia

Committee Chairperson/Treasurer

Saint Anne's Hospital is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Massachusetts Association of Registered Nurses, Inc., an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation

#### **AWARDS & SELECTION CRITERIA**

Each day in Southcoast Massachusetts, EMS providers save lives and perform countless acts of kindness, caring, and service to their community. These awards are a tribute to those individuals who overall contributions go beyond their basic duties and responsibilities and who represent the finest traditions of the EMS profession.



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The awards are separated into three categories and contain individual award fields (see page 2). These categories identify EMS providers, individuals who have had a major impact on the EMS community, as well as individuals whose outstanding contributions have supported the delivery of EMS in Southcoast Massachusetts.

All nominations will be reviewed by the EMS conference committed membership to determine if the nominee is in good standing and that individuals are currently certified at the level for which they were nominated.

Any nominations that do not meet these criteria will be considered invalid and will not be eligible for consideration.

Nominations must be submitted in email to the EMS conference committee by September 30, 2017. Members of the EMS conference committee are not restricted form submitting nomination forms. However, EMS conference committee members who have submitted a candidate's name are restricted from the selection process for that nomination field.

Nominations should be comprised of approximately 300 words, and clearly state why the nominee should be considered for an award in a category. Any nominations that do not meet the award criteria will be considered invalid and not eligible for selection. Individuals can be nominated for more than one category; however, all nominations must be submitted individually.

No award will be given if the EMS conference committee finds that no nominee meets that award criteria.

Please submit to anyone of the following: (Place nomination in subject area)

Ron Audette – raudette 432@gmail.com

Todd Correia – tcorreia@fairhaven-ma.gov

Lisa Chagnon - Lisa. Chagnon@steward.org



#### **EMS PROVIDER CATEGORY**

<u>Distinguished Paramedic Award:</u> Honors a current certified Paramedic who assumed a leadership role in EMS by achievement on one or more areas of patient care, public access to EMS, disaster preparedness, public education, and training.

<u>Distinguished EMT Award:</u> Honors a current certified EMT who assumed a leadership role in EMS by achievement on one or more areas of patient care, public access to EMS, disaster preparedness, public education, and training.

#### **IMPACT AWARD CATEGORY**

<u>EMS Impact Award:</u> Honors an individual, multiple individuals, or a team for an outstanding incident response or rescue by EMS personnel. Those individual truly demonstrated how steadfast dedication and commitment can positively impact the lives of the patient they have treated.

<u>Father Foster Award</u>: Honors a lifetime volunteer EMS provider (service of 20 or more years) who has consistently assumed a leadership role in EMS by achievement in areas of patient care, public access to EMS, disaster preparedness, public education, and /or training.

#### EMS SUPPORT CATEGORY

<u>Citizen EMS Action Award</u>: Honors a private citizen for a lifesaving act in which quick thinking, fact action and heroism were demonstrated, or, for unique advocacy of EMS in Southcoast Massachusetts.

<u>First Responder Award</u>: Honors a First Responder (Firefighter, Police Officer, Lifeguard, etc...) for an outstanding effort, which went above and beyond the normal call for service while responding to an emergency.

<u>Distinguished Nurse Award</u>: Honors a nurse who in the performance of their duties has shown steadfast dedication and commitment that positively impacted a life of a patient or the EMS community.

Outstanding EMS Physician – Honors a physician who has served as a Medical/Service Director, on or off-line,

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for either an ALS or a BLS service, and who has made a positive contribution to EMS in Southcoast Massachusetts.