



# City of Virginia Beach

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## Virginia Beach EMS Member:

Virginia Beach EMS members continue to provide the best care to the residents and visitors of our great city. Our members go above and beyond selfishly giving of their time to make our pre-hospital care the best ever. Because of your dedication, knowledge and efforts, services that would normally cost individuals is free in our community. In recognition of all your efforts, the Department of Emergency Medical Services takes great pride in honoring you by acknowledging your outstanding services at our annual Service Awards Ceremony.

The annual Service Awards Ceremony honors individuals nominated by their fellow EMS provider for calendar year January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. To allow each and every one of you a better opportunity to acknowledge each other, the Department of EMS has reformatted the nomination form. Also, if you should need any extra information regarding an EMS call that happened during the year, please do not hesitate to call Susan Palmer at 757-385-5004 or email [spalmer@vbgov.com](mailto:spalmer@vbgov.com). Thank you for your continued participation in assisting the department in making your achievements recognized. **THE NOMINATION FORM IS DUE ON JANUARY 28, 2012 TO SUSAN PALMER AT EMS ADMINISTRATION.**

Virginia Beach EMS  
Rewards and Recognition Program

**Virginia Beach EMS**  
**2012 Service Awards**  
**Nomination Form**  
**CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1, 2011 – DECEMBER 31, 2011**

**PLEASE CHECK ONE CATEGORY FOR THIS NOMINATION. NOMINATE ONLY ONE PERSON OR ONE CALL PER FORM.**

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**Medal of Valor –**

The nominee while attempting to save another life or lives risked his/her life beyond all doubt. The act was far above and beyond actions expected of a spontaneous nature. The act was performed voluntarily (not ordered to attempt the act). There must have been an element of self-sacrifice. There must be proof of performance, in the form of written statements by witnesses or other acceptable means. The act may have been performed on or off duty, but not while acting as EMS provider with another agency (i.e. volunteer firefighter, lifeguard, etc.). Eligibility – must have taken place during calendar year 2011 and member must have been in good standing during calendar year 2011.

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**Medal of Honor –**

The nominee must have been involved in an incident where there was a presence of possible or probable personal risk. The act may have been performed on or off duty, but not while acting as an EMS provider with another agency (i.e. volunteer firefighter, lifeguard, etc.). May be a voluntary act, or an act performed during “normal” incident activity. Eligibility – must have taken place during calendar year 2011 and member must have been in good standing during calendar year 2011.

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**Medal of Merit –**

This medal is awarded for exceptional performance in the field during emergency operations, or for exceptional contribution to the service and/or the community (i.e. education, public relations, etc.) May be a single act or an accumulation of acts. The activities must be above and beyond normal duties. They must include personal initiative and innovation that promoted a positive image of the volunteer rescue system and the department. Eligibility – must have taken place during calendar year 2011 and member must have been in good standing during calendar year 2011.

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**Call of the Year –**

An outstanding EMS call that demonstrates interagency, interfacing and cooperation, or complex assessment or rescue operations. The call must conform to standard EMS protocols of pre-hospital care (including scene safety) and MUST include a redacted copy of the report. Eligibility – Any EMS call, from entry into the ERS system until resolution at a health care facility, including the roles of dispatchers, EMS agencies, EMS providers, bystanders, hospital care providers and/or others who provided emergency medical services. This call MUST have occurred between Jan-Dec 2011

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**Unit Commendation –**

Awarded to a group of individuals who perform a task that exceeds normal responsibilities. Eligibility – Active members in good standing with the DEMS between Jan-Dec 2011 and other members of Emergency Response System. Eligibility – must have taken place during calendar year 2011 and member must have been in good standing during calendar year 2011.

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**Act of Service Award –**

This individual should have performed and/or conducted “special” event(s) or program(s), which promoted a positive image of the volunteer rescue system and the DEMS. Eligibility – must have taken place during calendar year 2011 and member must have been in good standing during calendar year 2011.

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**Outstanding Pre-Hospital Care Provider of the Year –**

An individual who exemplifies outstanding dedication and service to his or her community through involvement with EMS. Eligibility – must have taken place during calendar year 2011 and member must have been in good standing during calendar year 2011.

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### **Outstanding “Special Ops” Member of the Year Award –**

Should be an individual who represents the best of “special team” has to offer. Nominees should perform duties in an exemplary manner, lead by example, and distinguish themselves by supporting the EMS system in furthering the development, performance and promotion of the team’s capabilities. Eligibility – Any active member of the following DEMS teams: Bike, EMS-7, SAR, Support Truck, Squad Truck, Support Services/Admin, SWAT, and/or Marine Response. Eligibility – must have taken place during calendar year 2011 and member must have been in good standing during calendar year 2011.

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### **Outstanding EMS Educator/Preceptor/Proctor of the year Award –**

A provider who exemplifies outstanding teaching and leadership qualities while participating as an educator in an EMS program. Must have coordinated or consistently demonstrated excellence and a dedication to the education of pre-hospital EMS providers. The nominee must have participated as an instructor, coordinator or adjunct faculty in an EMS program for at least two years. Educational programs include: EMT, EMT-Enhanced, EMT-Intermediate, EMT-Paramedic, continuing education courses, Preceptor programs or equivalent EMS training. Eligibility – must have taken place during calendar year 2011 and member must have been in good standing during calendar year 2011.

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### **Administrative Member of the Year Award –**

The administrative member is an individual, who has best promoted, assisted, coordinated and/or supported his or her rescue squad and/or the DEMS. Eligibility – must have taken place during calendar year 2011 and member must have been in good standing during calendar year 2011.

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### **Certificate of Commendation –**

Given for special performance at a “unique” or “complex” incident or for performance that goes “outside” the boundary of normal job activities. This should have increased morale, efficiency or effectiveness within the department. Actions can be voluntary, on-duty activities or off-duty. Eligibility – must have taken place during calendar year 2011 and member must have been in good standing during calendar year 2011.

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### **Outstanding EMS Administrator –**

An individual who has demonstrated ability to organize, conduct, manage, problem solve and evaluate within his or her organization and, by exemplary leadership and administrative skills, improve the effectiveness, response and delivery of EMS. Eligibility – Any EMS person responsible for chairing, presiding over, supervising or administering emergency medical services organizations and/or personnel. Eligibility – must have taken place during calendar year 2011 and member must have been in good standing during calendar year 2011.

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### **Outstanding Contribution to EMS for Children –**

An individual or organization that exemplifies outstanding dedication and service to EMS for children. Eligibility – Any VBDEMS individual or organization with a significant contribution to the development or enhancement of EMS for children. Services cover a continuum of care, from injury prevention to pre-hospital care, emergency department and hospital services, and rehabilitation. Eligibility – must have taken place during calendar year 2011 and member must have been in good standing during calendar year 2011.

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### **Outstanding Contribution to EMS Health and Safety –**

Outstanding contribution to EMS by an individual, corporation, business, news media or program in providing financial, material, educational or other tangible or non-tangible assistance to support and benefit the local, regional or state EMS system. Eligibility – Any corporation, business, non-profit organization, college, university, school or program not routinely involved in Virginia’s EMS system, or any individual not employed by or volunteering with EMS.

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### **Outstanding EMS Physician –**

An EMS physician who exemplifies outstanding leadership and dedication in the exercise of medical control. Eligibility – Any Virginia licensed physician who serves in an active position.

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### **Outstanding EMS Agency –**

An EMS agency that exemplifies outstanding professionalism and service to its community; whose high level of patient care is evident by innovative training, community awareness, preventive health programs, public relations efforts and participation in local, regional and statewide EMS systems. Eligibility – Any currently licensed or official agency in Virginia Beach that is recognized by the state and is directly responsible for responding to emergencies or disasters and providing the direct delivery of care. Includes governmental, commercial, volunteer, hospital, industrial and air ambulance services.

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### **Outstanding EMS Telecommunications Dispatcher –**

An emergency medical telecommunicator, public safety answering point; administrator, supervisor or training officer whose outstanding dedication and service has demonstrated an exceptional contribution to the improved delivery of emergency medical services. Eligibility – an emergency medical telecommunicator, public safety answering point administrator, supervisor or training officer who is employed or volunteers with an organized emergency medical services dispatch center or public safety answering point in Virginia.

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### **Outstanding Emergency Nurse –**

A nurse who exemplifies outstanding service in emergency medical services; knowledge and performance of EMS nursing skills; and high standards of cooperation and leadership with others EMS personnel and agencies. Highest consideration is given to performing a nursing role in a hospital or clinical setting such as precepting or quality assurance programs. Nurses who have demonstrated excellence as a pre-hospital provider or instructor should be nominated for those categories. Eligibility – Any Virginia licensed nurse serving in an active position.

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### **Excellence in EMS –**

An individual who exemplifies outstanding dedication and service to the statewide Virginia emergency medical services system, and has demonstrated a commitment to a comprehensive, integrated system of emergency medical services throughout the Commonwealth. Eligibility – Any VBDEMS individual engaged in emergency medical services.

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### **Outstanding Rookie of the Year –**

Awarded to the outstanding rookie member based on documented performance and recommendations. Eligibility – Active/Good Standing members with less than one year of service with the DEMS as of December 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

LEVEL OF CERTIFICATION/POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICES HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*PLEASE ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, A BRIEF WRITTEN STATEMENT, ARTICLES, BROCHURES, LETTERS OF SUPPORT, PHOTOS OR VIDEOS IF NECESSARY\*\*\***

NOMINATED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATION FORM DUE JANUARY 31, 2012 TO SUSAN PALMER @ EMS ADMIN**