

**State of New Hampshire  
Department of Safety  
Division of Fire Standards and Training & Emergency Medical Services  
Bureau of Emergency Medical Services**

**Lawrence A. Volz Memorial  
Emergency Medical Services Heroism Award**

**History:** The New Hampshire Emergency Medical Services Memorial Heroism Award is named after Newington Firefighter/EMT Lawrence A. Volz who was killed in a line of duty death in 1971. While transporting a patient to a local hospital, Volz suffered a heart attack at the wheel of the emergency vehicle. The patient and EMT Volz were killed and three other EMS Providers attending the patient were injured. 1997 was the first year that this award was presented.

**Purpose:** The Award has been created to recognize a New Hampshire EMS Provider for an act(s) of heroism while in the line of duty.

**Presentation:** The Award will be presented by a member of the EMS Medical & Trauma Coordinating Board at an annual public Emergency Medical Services System function.

**Nominations:** Licensed EMS Units, New Hampshire Hospital EMS Coordinators and associated organizations shall be notified once per year that the nominations for the Award are being accepted by the Awards Committee. The deadline for nominations shall be determined by the Bureau of EMS and only nominations received by that deadline will be considered.

**Awards Committee:** The Awards Committee shall be made up of a minimum of two Bureau employees, a member of the EMS Medical Control Board, a member of the EMS Medical & Trauma Coordinating Board and a member of the Newington Fire Department. These members shall review all nominations, decide on the recipient(s) and arrange for the award presentation.

**Criteria for Nomination:** Nominations can be made for any New Hampshire EMS Provider(s) who have performed an act of heroism in the line of duty. Documentation should be limited to two typed pages and should accompany the nomination form.

**Recipients:**

1997	EMS District A-1
1998	Granite State C.I.S.D. Team
1999	Todd M. Hansen & Elisa M. Benton
2000	Rochester Fire Department
2001	Emergency Response Providers
2002	Lt. Mike Friend & FF Bryan Burr - Claremont FD
2003	Salem Fire Department – Group 4
2004	Noah Glynn & Ken Mack
2005	Lt. Mike Shastany – Laconia FD Ofc. Christopher Noyes & Ofc. Steven Orton – Laconia PD
2006	Dustin Holmes, EMT-B
2007	Jason Ferns, EMT-B
2008	No recipient(s) awarded
2009	Bob O'Donnell, RP, RN