



## New Hampshire Fire & Emergency Medical Services **Committee of Merit**

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### ~ NH Annual EMS Awards ~

The NH EMS Awards Committee, in conjunction with the NH Fire & EMS Committee of Merit, presents five individual and one EMS Unit award, a recognition of “Years of Service” for those EMS Providers that have given 30 or more years (10 year increments) to the NH EMS System, a separate category for “EMS Unit Citation” for all members of a Unit(s) that worked together for a specific unified response of meritorious nature, and a “Civilian Lifesaver” award.

The history and purpose of each award is listed below.

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#### Pamela Mitchell/Richard Connolly Memorial Emergency Medical Services Achievement Award

History: The New Hampshire Emergency Medical Services Memorial Achievement Award is named after Emergency Medical Technicians Pamela Mitchell and Richard Connolly, of Whitefield, who were accompanying a heart attack victim to the Littleton Hospital in August of 1978. The ambulance they were riding in lost control on a curve on Route 116 in ethlehem, NH and all three occupants of the emergency vehicle patient compartment were killed. October of 1996 was the first year that this annual award was presented.

Purpose: The Award has been created to recognize an individual or group who has made an outstanding contribution to the Emergency Medical Services System of New Hampshire.

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#### 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.

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#### Bound Tree Corporation EMS Unit of the Year Award

History: The New Hampshire Emergency Medical Services Unit of the Year award is an award sponsored by Bound Tree Corporation of Henniker, NH who has been serving EMS' Best and making precious minutes count for over 20 years. 1998 was the first year that the award was to be presented.

Purpose: The Award has been created to recognize a New Hampshire Licensed EMS Unit for exemplary service to their community.

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#### Dr. David Connor Memorial EMS Appreciation Award The “Connor Honor”

History: The New Hampshire Emergency Medical Services Appreciation Award is an award sponsored by the Bureau of EMS - Medical Control Board and is named after Dr. David J. Connor, Medical Director at St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua, NH. Dave Connor was instrumental in improving the NH EMS System during his years as an EMT-B, EMS Instructor/Coordinator, active member of the Trauma Review Committee and Chairman of the Medical Control Board. The year 2000 was the first year that this award was available for presentation.

Purpose: This Award has been created to recognize a very special individual for their unremitting, heartfelt, dedication to emergency medical services in New Hampshire. This individuals accomplishments will have assisted in changing the face of the New Hampshire Trauma and EMS System.

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### EMS Educator of the Year award

**History:** The New Hampshire Emergency Medical Services Educator of the Year Award is an award sponsored by the Bureau of EMS, Medical Control Board and their Education Committee. 2001 was the first year that this award was available for presentation.

**Purpose:** This Award has been created to recognize an EMS Educator who excels in his/her contributions and commitment to New Hampshire's EMS Education and Training. A recognition of excellence and accomplishments that have assisted in improving the New Hampshire Trauma and EMS System.

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### David F. Dow Memorial

### EMS Provider of the Year Award

**History:** The New Hampshire Emergency Medical Services Provider of the Year Award is sponsored by the Bureau of EMS - Medical Control Board and the New Hampshire Association of EMT's, and is named after David F. Dow a 25 year member of the State Bureau of EMS and a long time EMS Provider in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire. He dedicated his life to the emergency medical system as a Provider of care and an advocate for the system. Through the years he held leadership roles with the New Hampshire Association of EMT's, the Monadnock Assoc. of EMS, and locally with Souhegan Valley Ambulance Service. His work in state government continued his goal to improve upon the system. David worked within each of these organizations to inform and educate the public, Providers and consumers about this system of care. The year 2007 is the first year that this award is available for presentation.

**Purpose:** This Award has been created to recognize a dedicated individual who works as an EMS Provider in New Hampshire and has demonstrated exemplary pre-hospital patient care providing consistently strong clinical skills to the patients he/she cares for.

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### "EMS Lifetime Achievement Award"

### Years of Service

**History:** In 2016 the New Hampshire Emergency Medical Services Awards Committee realized that many long time EMS Providers in the New Hampshire System were beginning to age-out. Knowing that their dedication to the EMS System should not go unnoticed, the "EMS Lifetime Achievement Award" was created.

**Purpose:** This award has been created to recognize those EMS providers who have served their communities and the State of New Hampshire for 30 years or more of service (10 year increments).

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### "EMS Unit Citation"

**History:** First presented in 2018 for a massive multi-agency response to a major incident in the town of Hinsdale, in the Southwestern section of the State, where without a coordinated effort and standardized training, the loss of life and/or personal injury would have been much greater. Like the Fire Service "Unit Citation" this award recognizes the dedication and professionalism of each service and individual involved.

**Purpose:** This award is presented to all members of a unit or group, operating together, who perform meritorious service at the scene of an emergency incident.

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### EMS "Civilian Lifesaver" Award

**History:** In 2019 it was recognized that "lifesavers" come in all forms, and that bystanders are at many times first on scene and jump into action to save a life of both an acquaintance or stranger in a time of need. The Awards Committee felt it time to recognize these special individuals or groups that make the difference before formal emergency medical services can reach the scene on an incident.

**Purpose:** This award recognizes an individual, or group of citizens, that spring into action prior to EMS response and make a lifesaving difference.