MARYLAND’S STARS OF LIFE AWARDS

Each year, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems celebrates EMS Week by honoring men and women across Maryland who have contributed to the EMS system. We use the term “Stars of Life” because it combines our symbol, the Star of Life, with our shared vision, “the elimination of preventable death and disability from injury or sudden illness.” This year, we are again opening the award nomination process to everyone who receives the Maryland EMS News. Awardees will be selected by a statewide committee of career, volunteer, and commercial EMS clinicians. For further information, call 410-706-3994 or email awards@miemss.org.

The categories of Maryland Star of Life, Maryland EMS Citizen, EMS Clinician of the Year, and EMD Clinician of the Year relate to specific incidents occurring from January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019 for 2020 Awards. Incidents that occur between January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 will be reviewed for 2021 Awards. Multiple awards may be presented.

**MARYLAND STAR OF LIFE AWARD**
This award may be given to an individual, multiple individuals, or teams on the same incident for an outstanding rescue under extreme circumstances by EMS personnel.

**MARYLAND EMS CITIZEN AWARD**
This award is intended for citizen rescuers who have demonstrated quick thinking, fast action, and heroism.

**EMS CLINICIAN OF THE YEAR**
For a clinician who has made outstanding contributions in the past year to the continuous improvement of emergency medical services in Maryland (for example, in the areas of quality assurance, public or EMS education, prevention, delivery of EMS services, and new technology).

**EMD CLINICIAN OF THE YEAR**
This award is given for extraordinary efforts in assisting the public through dispatch in this vital portion of the Chain of Survival.

**OUTSTANDING EMS PROGRAM**
For a program that offers an innovative approach to reducing death and disability. The program must be affiliated with an EMS system component, such as a hospital, educational facility, rescue squad, or EMS organization.

**LEON W. HAYES AWARD FOR LIFETIME EXCELLENCE IN EMS**
This award is given to an individual who has devoted a lifetime of dedication to excellence in patient care, compassion and respect for each patient, and commitment to continuous improvement of the Maryland EMS system through his/her professional and personal life.

**MARYLAND EMS-CHILDREN (EMS-C) AWARD**
This award is given for an adult or program that has demonstrated ongoing dedication and commitment to improving the care for children and for promoting Family Centered Care in a Maryland EMS program or hospital.

**MARYLAND EMS-GERIATRIC (EMS-G) AWARD**
This award is given for an individual or program that has demonstrated ongoing dedication and commitment to improving the EMS care of the elderly in Maryland.

NOMINATIONS will be accepted on a rolling basis during the spring of 2020 for both 2020 and 2021 Awards.