



Westchester Regional EMS Council

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Westchester Emergency Medical Responders Receive Awards

Rye, NY – August 26, 2004 – The 15th annual EMS Appreciation Day was celebrated by the Westchester Regional EMS Council at Rye Playland with the presentation of more than 170 awards to EMS providers and other first responders for honorable service to their communities.

Over 200 participants, including emergency service personnel and their families attended the event. Council Chair James O'Connor opened the evening by expressing his appreciation to all the agencies in Westchester for their hard work and dedication to quality emergency care. During the award ceremony, the members of the Greenville Fire Department were especially honored by having a former patient present their certificates and pins. The patient, who suffered a heart attack while running on a local school athletic track, praised the members of the Greenville Fire Department who responded quickly, initiated CPR and used an automatic external defibrillator (AED), restoring spontaneous heartbeat and respirations. The firefighters, and the paramedics from the Greenburgh Police Department, were personally thanked for the lifesaving care that was rendered. *(Note: The Westchester Regional EMS Council is precluded from identifying the patient due to state and federal statutes.)*

Each year, emergency responders and caregivers in the county are recognized for excellence in following areas:

- **Lifesaving:** Awarded to EMS providers who, as primary caregivers, displayed effective and appropriate medical treatment that resulted in the saving of a life. In these instances, the patient was completely resuscitated – that is, his / her physical and mental capacities were restored to the level which existed prior to the illness or injury, and the patient was discharged to a rehabilitation facility or home.
- **EMS Citation:** Awarded to an individual(s) who materially assisted in a lifesaving award being presented to the primary caregiver.
- **EMD Citation:** Awarded to an individual(s) who materially assisted, though emergency medical dispatch, in a lifesaving award being presented to the primary caregivers.
- **Unit Citation:** Awarded to an organization that has demonstrated its commitment to the betterment of Emergency Medical Services through significant quality improvements to agency operations or responses to unique and/or challenging EMS calls.

- **Meritorious Service:** Awarded to the emergency service provider in recognition of performance that went above and beyond the call of duty in an effort to provide emergency medical care.

This year's award recipients included members of 28 different police, fire, and EMS agencies in Westchester:

Unit Citation

Armonk Volunteer Fire Department
Briarcliff Manor Fire Department Ambulance Corps
Empress EMS
Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Department
Irvington Volunteer Ambulance Corps
Larchmont Volunteer Ambulance Corps
Mamaroneck EMS
MetroCare EMS

New Rochelle Fire Department
North Castle Police Department
Tarrytown Volunteer Ambulance Corps
Town of Mamaroneck Ambulance District
Valhalla Volunteer Ambulance Corps
Valhalla Volunteer Fire Department
Westchester EMS
Yonkers Police Department ESU

Meritorious Service

Malcolm Dixon: MetroCare EMS
Daniel Hayes: MetroCare EMS
Carl Bartucca: New Rochelle Fire Department
Robert Cacase: New Rochelle Fire Department
Philip Cicchiello: New Rochelle Fire Department
Paul Cordaro: New Rochelle Fire Department
Peter Cordaro: New Rochelle Fire Department
Frank Gagliardo: New Rochelle Fire Department
Martin Gotte: New Rochelle Fire Department
Matthew Lamonica: New Rochelle Fire Department

Michael Melillo: New Rochelle Fire Department
Peter Miley: New Rochelle Fire Department
Raul Perez: New Rochelle Fire Department
Anthony Petrone: New Rochelle Fire Department
Michael Petrone: New Rochelle Fire Department
Vernon Pugh: New Rochelle Fire Department
John Robbins: New Rochelle Fire Department
Marc Swanson: New Rochelle Fire Department
Curtis Taylor, Jr.: New Rochelle Fire Department
Michael Messar: Yonkers Police Department ESU

EMS Citation

Daniel Carnacho: City of Rye Police Department
Sue Rigano: City of Rye Police Department
Michael Moore: Hastings Police Department
Rob Gagliardi: Hastings Volunteer Fire Department
Matthew Kavanah: Hastings Volunteer Fire Department
April Knies: Hastings Volunteer Fire Department
Michael Usher: Hastings Volunteer Fire Department
Andrea Chuquihuara: Mamaroneck EMS
Alana Leviton: Mamaroneck EMS
Mark Russell: MetroCare EMS
Donald Bradley: New Rochelle Fire Department
Martin Gotte: New Rochelle Fire Department
Byron Gray: New Rochelle Fire Department
Kenneth M. Hanson: New Rochelle Fire Department
Marstus G. Hewitt: New Rochelle Fire Department
Anthony Johnson: New Rochelle Fire Department
Paul Johnson: New Rochelle Fire Department
Carmine Mancuso: New Rochelle Fire Department
Michael Melitto: New Rochelle Fire Department
Daniel Mitchell: New Rochelle Fire Department
Michael O'Sullivan: New Rochelle Fire Department
John J. Rende: New Rochelle Fire Department
John San Filippo: New Rochelle Fire Department
John C. Schroeder: New Rochelle Fire Department
Franco Vallario: New Rochelle Fire Department
Timothy Ward: New Rochelle Fire Department
Chris Bivona: Port Chester Police Department
Matt Chalmers: Port Chester Police Department
Paul Dimeglio: Port Chester Police Department

Lenny Greer: Port Chester, Rye, Rye Brook EMS
Daniel Alicea: Yonkers Fire Department
Nick Arden: Yonkers Fire Department
Brendan Bard: Yonkers Fire Department
Scott Bove: Yonkers Fire Department
James Callahan: Yonkers Fire Department
Achille Celio: Yonkers Fire Department
Kirk Cosby: Yonkers Fire Department
Larry Cucolo: Yonkers Fire Department
Chris DeSantis: Yonkers Fire Department
John DeMuro: Yonkers Fire Department
Steve Domenech: Yonkers Fire Department
Kevin Ford: Yonkers Fire Department
Robert Hacaj: Yonkers Fire Department
Walter McNair: Yonkers Fire Department
Michael Mecurio: Yonkers Fire Department
Steve Moriera: Yonkers Fire Department
Mark Pawlec: Yonkers Fire Department
Guy Piefer: Yonkers Fire Department
Sean Travers: Yonkers Fire Department
Neil Tyndal, Jr.: Yonkers Fire Department
Anthony Verrino: Yonkers Fire Department
Pasquale Viggiano: Yonkers Fire Department
Edward Zilempe: Yonkers Fire Department
Chris Balezentis: Yonkers Police Department
Edward Pollick: Yonkers Police Department
George Cordero: Yonkers Police Department
Michael Delpeschio: Yonkers Police Department

LifeSaving

Mauricio Gomez: City of Rye Police Department
Dennis Cristiano: Eastchester Police Department
Robert Rizzo: Eastchester Volunteer Ambulance Corps
Ken Skeckowski: Eastchester Volunteer Ambulance Corps
William Wiegelman: Eastchester Volunteer Ambulance Corps
Cathy Albano: Empress EMS
Manuel Alvarez: Empress EMS
Mark Baumblatt: Empress EMS
David Bergman: Empress EMS
Michael Blecker: Empress EMS
Jennifer Califano: Empress EMS
Carol Cordero: Empress EMS
Raymond Cordi: Empress EMS
Justin Costable: Empress EMS
Marcello Cutonilli: Empress EMS
Ty Eggenberger: Empress EMS
Joseph Flick: Empress EMS
Karl Gjertsen: Empress EMS
Tina Harbach: Empress EMS
Richard Harvey: Empress EMS
Efriam Hirschman: Empress EMS
Denis Kelly: Empress EMS
Christopher Mason: Empress EMS
Shawn Mathews: Empress EMS
Alvero Molina: Empress EMS
Gordon Mutter: Empress EMS
Lev Naoumov: Empress EMS
Ana Nunez: Empress EMS
Thomas Orpikowski: Empress EMS
Terry Rahilly: Empress EMS
David Rand: Empress EMS
Garry Reben: Empress EMS
Toni-Ann Scherer: Empress EMS
Edward Steinkraus: Empress EMS
Christiana Thomas: Empress EMS
Caren Thomas-Steele: Empress EMS
Carlos Urbina: Empress EMS
Fredrick Wedlowe: Empress EMS
Gary Burnett: Greenburgh Police Department
Michael Dawson: Greenburgh Police Department
Larry Marelo: Greenburgh Police Department

Sally Peterson: Greenburgh Police Department
Jared Rosenberg: Greenburgh Police Department
David Zenon: Greenburgh Police Department
Vincent Della Vecchia: Greenville Fire Department
Matthew Talbert: Greenville Fire Department
Jeffrey Tietjen: Greenville Fire Department
John Dahany: Hastings Police Department
Heather Smolenski: Hastings Police Department
Joe McGinnis: Larchmont Volunteer Ambulance Corps
Joanne Lurken: Mamaroneck EMS
Giovanni Formaro: Town of Mamaroneck Ambulance District
Robert Denet: MetroCare EMS
Malcolm Dixon: MetroCare EMS
Robert Gurliacci: MetroCare EMS
Daniel Hayes: MetroCare EMS
Glenn Klami: MetroCare EMS
Curtis Livingston: MetroCare EMS
Jason Lightbody: MetroCare EMS
Samuel Lubin: MetroCare EMS
Dennis Lunde: MetroCare EMS
Robert Lunde: MetroCare EMS
Milagros Marte: MetroCare EMS
James Pelligrino: MetroCare EMS
Joshua Posnick: MetroCare EMS
Boris Reichlin: MetroCare EMS
Sharina Sheppard: MetroCare EMS
Gary Vandermeer: MetroCare EMS
Richard Werner: MetroCare EMS
Donald Desimone: Port Chester Police Department
Gary Alexander: Port Chester, Rye, Rye Brook EMS
Christie Forstmann: Port Chester, Rye, Rye Brook EMS
Jeffrey Garcia: Port Chester, Rye, Rye Brook EMS
Lisa Genova: Port Chester, Rye, Rye Brook EMS
Doug Mackenzie: Port Chester, Rye, Rye Brook EMS
Thomas Russo: Port Chester, Rye, Rye Brook EMS
Larry Goldberg: Tarrytown Volunteer Ambulance Corps
Chris Kalish: Tarrytown Volunteer Ambulance Corps
Carolyn Spencer: Tarrytown Volunteer Ambulance Corps
Rick Tucci: Tarrytown Volunteer Ambulance Corps
John Brody: White Plains Police Department

The Westchester Regional EMS Council (WREMSCO) is one of 18 EMS Regional Councils in New York State. Regional EMS Councils are provided for in New York State Public Health Law to work in conjunction with the New York State EMS Council and the New York State Department of Health Bureau of EMS. The Westchester EMS Region is coterminous with the County of Westchester and represents over 70 ambulance and first response agencies, 12 emergency receiving hospitals, and more than 2000 paramedics and basic life support personnel.

For more information on the Westchester Regional EMS Council, contact the Westchester Regional EMS Office at (914) 231 – 1616, or visit <http://www.wremSCO.org>.