



## **Westchester Regional EMS Council**

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### ***Westchester Emergency Medical Responders Receive Lifesaving Awards***

Rye, NY – August 25, 2005 – The 16th annual EMS Appreciation Day was celebrated by the Westchester Regional EMS Council at Rye Playland with the presentation of 118 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. The evening commenced with opening remarks by Dan Blum, Chairman of the Regional EMS Council, where all providers were thanked for their service to the citizens of Westchester County.

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

Briarcliff Manor Volunteer Fire Department and  
Ambulance Corps  
Empress EMS  
Katonah/Bedford Hills VAC  
Mt. Kisco VAC  
New Rochelle Fire Department

North Salem VAC  
Westchester County DES Emergency Communications  
Center  
White Plains Fire Dept – Tower Ladder 6 and Rescue  
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### Meritorious Service

Chris Brunner, EMT: Briarcliff Manor Ambulance Corps  
Dan Rice, EMT: Briarcliff Manor Ambulance Corps  
Tom Jackson: Briarcliff Manor Ambulance Corps  
Rachel Leihbacher, EMT: Briarcliff Manor Ambulance  
Corps  
Joe Lalak: Briarcliff Manor Ambulance Corps  
Giovanni Formaro, Paramedic: Larchmont VAC

Brian Ritz, EMT: Larchmont VAC  
Jared Pennella, EMT: Larchmont VAC  
Sam Lubin, Paramedic: Ossining VAC  
Elizabeth Sanger, Paramedic: Ossining VAC  
John Cunningham, Paramedic: Ossining VAC  
Lewis Berman, EMT: Ossining VAC  
Peter Nuzzo, EMT: Ossining VAC

### EMS Citation

Ronald Schneitzer: Civilian  
Karen Anbolino: Civilian  
P.O. Louis Chiavetta: Eastchester Police Department  
P.O. Glen Conacchio: Eastchester Police Department  
P.O. Mark Ferrara: Eastchester Police Department  
P.O. Edward Detlefs: Harrison Police Department  
P.O. William Dufflemyer: Harrison Police Department  
John Dillon, Paramedic: Mohegan VFA VAC  
Steven Yagodx: Mohegan VFA VAC  
Lt. Matthew Amoroso: New Rochelle Fire Department  
F.F. Daniel Moxey: New Rochelle Fire Department  
F.F. Frank Rainone: New Rochelle Fire Department  
Lt. Robert Lorenzen: New Rochelle Fire Department  
F.F. Michael Young: New Rochelle Fire Department  
F.F. Richard Bongiorno: New Rochelle Fire Department  
F.F. Michael O'Keefe: New Rochelle Fire Department

Capt. Henry Senno: New Rochelle Fire Department  
F.F. Gary Bruzzese: New Rochelle Fire Department  
F.F. Gregory Escobedo: New Rochelle Fire Department  
F.F. Daniel Ronca: New Rochelle Fire Department  
Lt. Paul Alfano: New Rochelle Fire Department  
F.F. Robert Cacase: New Rochelle Fire Department  
F.F. Marstus Hewitt: New Rochelle Fire Department  
Brian Landsman, Trooper: New State Troopers  
Sam Lubin, Paramedic: TransCare  
P.O. Emily Yankowski: Tuckahoe Police Department  
SGT. Margaret Belles: Tuckahoe Police Department  
Sean Lonergan: Valhalla VAC  
Paul Moeller: Valhalla VAC  
Julie Pierce, EMT: Valhalla VAC

### EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch) Citation

Sean Blute

### LifeSaving

Christopher Beyrer, Paramedic: Cortlandt Regional  
Paramedics  
Timothy Egan, Paramedic: Eastchester VAC  
Ryan O'Halloran, EMT: Eastchester VAC  
John Cunningham, Paramedic: Eastchester VAC  
Matt Pabis, EMT-B: Eastchester VAC  
Joel Sachs, EMT-B: Eastchester VAC  
Marcelo Cutonilli, Paramedic: Empress  
Luis Alba, EMT: Empress  
Jennifer Califano, EMT: Empress  
Nick Lopez, EMT: Empress  
Marcos Mosqueda, Paramedic: Empress  
Michael Jefferies, Paramedic: Empress  
Herb Brailsford, EMT: Empress  
Glen Jones, EMT: Empress

Michael Greco, EMT: Empress  
Paul Bongiovani, Paramedic: Empress  
Marcelo Cutonilli, Paramedic: Empress  
Nick Lopez, EMT: Empress  
Novel Kettil, Paramedic: Empress  
Gregory Ceccacci, EMT: Empress  
Michael Jefferies, Paramedic: Empress  
Denis Kelly, Paramedic: Empress  
Doug Carroll, Paramedic: Empress  
Gary Reben, EMT: Empress  
Denis Kelly, Paramedic: Empress  
Gary Reben, EMT: Empress  
Benny Fontanilles, Paramedic: Greenburgh Police  
Department

## LifeSaving (Continued)

Daniel Desimone, Paramedic: Greenburgh Police Department  
Sally Peterson, Paramedic : Greenburgh Police Department  
P.O. Alex Rodriguez: Greenburgh Police Department  
John Cannelli, Paramedic: Harrison VAC  
Arlene Testa, EMT: Harrison VAC  
Ryan McAuliffe: Harrison VAC  
Louis Zacchio, Paramedic: Harrison VAC  
Dave Cox, EMT: Harrison VAC  
Lucinda Velasquez, Paramedic: Harrison VAC  
Orlando Rivera, Paramedic: Harrison VAC  
Kenneth Beck, Firefighter/EMT: Lake Mohegan Fire District  
Jeffrey Argo, Firefighter/EMT: Lake Mohegan Fire District  
Anthony Milo, EMT: Mohegan VFA - VAC  
Sgt. Steven Marelllo: Mt. Pleasant Police  
P.O. Ronald Beckley: Mt. Pleasant Police  
P.O. Michael Pierce: Mt. Pleasant Police  
Quill Exum, Paramedic: Ossining VAC  
William Tocco: Ossining VAC

Jose Davila, Paramedic: Transcare  
Gary Vandermeer: Transcare  
William Burger, Paramedic: Transcare  
James Mazzucca, EMT: Transcare  
James Pellegrino, Paramedic: Transcare  
James Mazzucca, EMT: Transcare  
Laura Blanchard, EMT: Transcare  
Robert DeMonda, Paramedic: Transcare  
Lori Bueti, EMT: Transcare  
Shannon Scott, Paramedic: Transcare  
William Burger, Paramedic: Transcare  
Sharina Shepard (O'Neal), EMT: Transcare  
Greg Sewell, EMT: Transcare  
Dennis Lunde, Paramedic: Transcare  
John Carnes, EMT: Transcare  
James Pellegrino, Paramedic: Transcare  
Robert Lunde, Paramedic: Transcare  
Richard Werner, Paramedic: Transcare  
Robert Lunde, Paramedic: Transcare  
Terri Malits, Paramedic: Transcare  
Helen Kasimis, EMT: Transcare

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, 11 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>.