



## Central Shenandoah Emergency Medical Services Council

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# Central Shenandoah EMS Council presents annual regional EMS awards

Nine individuals and two regional emergency medical services agencies received awards from the Central Shenandoah Regional EMS Council (CSEMESC) at an awards ceremony held July 25, 2007 at the Grand Caverns Park.

“The award winners and all nominees are outstanding representatives of our regional EMS system,” said CSEMESC President, Gary Critzer. “These award winners are being submitted to the State EMS Advisory Board to compete at the state level in the Governor’s EMS Awards. The winners will be announced on Saturday, November 10, 2007 in Norfolk at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia EMS Symposium.”

The CSEMESC award winners include:

- **Award for Excellence in EMS** – Gary Critzer, Waynesboro First Aid Crew, City of Waynesboro.
- **Outstanding EMS Prehospital Provider and Outstanding Regional EMS Provider** – Nathan Ramsey, Augusta County Fire and Rescue.
- **Outstanding EMS Physician** – Scott Just, M.D., Augusta Medical Center.
- **Outstanding EMS Pre-Hospital Educator** – Steve Powell, Rockingham County Fire & Rescue.
- **Outstanding Contribution to EMS by a Nurse** – Becky Armstrong, Bath County Community Hospital.
- **Outstanding EMS Administrator** – Bruce Crow, Augusta County Fire and Rescue.
- **Outstanding EMS Agency** – PHI AirCare Medevac 5.
- **Outstanding Contribution to EMS** – Heartbeat Rockbridge.
- **Outstanding Contribution to EMS for Children** – Becky Anhold, Bridgewater Volunteer Rescue Squad.
- **Outstanding EMS Telecommunications Officer/Dispatcher** – Michael Harmon, Harrisonburg – Rockingham Emergency Communications Center.
- **CSEMESC Regional \$1000 Scholarship Award and Kevin Sperka Award** – Kenneth Via, Churchville Fire Department and Rescue Squad

Each winner received a distinctive award and pin from CSEMESC Board President Gary Critzer and the Virginia Office of EMS Assistant Director Scott Winston signifying their contribution to the Central Shenandoah EMS region and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Critzer commended each winner while explaining the qualities and criteria for each award to the audience. He also announced that the 2008 award ceremony will be held next July.

The Central Shenandoah EMS Council serves the counties of Augusta, Bath, Highland, Rockbridge, Rockingham, and the cities of Buena Vista, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Staunton and Waynesboro. The regional EMS council is an integral part of Virginia's comprehensive EMS system. It serves to assess, identify, coordinate, plan and implement an efficient and effective regional EMS delivery system in partnership with the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services and the Governor's EMS Advisory Board.