



Central Georgia **REGION 5** Emergency Medical Services

AWARDS CELEBRATION

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DAVID MOORE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Eligibility:

The David Moore Award of Excellence recognizes a worthy individual who has unselfishly donated his/her time and efforts to continue improving EMS in Region 5 at a local, regional, state, and/or national level. The nominee should be involved in strengthening public awareness and support of EMS.

Criteria:

The purpose of the David Moore Award of Excellence is to honor an individual whose outstanding contributions, leadership, and commitment have made a significant impact on EMS in Region 5. This award celebrates individuals who demonstrate an exceptional dedication to advancing EMS within the Region 5 EMS community, strengthening public awareness, and enhancing community engagement. Specific areas of evaluation include:

- **Exceptional Contributions to EMS Development:** Evidence of the nominee's role in developing, implementing, or improving EMS within Region 5, with achievements that have strengthened the EMS community and advanced EMS practices at a local, regional, state, and/or national level.
- **Leadership and Mentorship:** Demonstration of strong leadership qualities and a commitment to mentoring others in the EMS community. This includes inspiring peers, guiding new providers, or spearheading initiatives that elevate EMS standards.
- **Commitment to Excellence in EMS Programs:** Personal dedication to upholding and promoting high standards in EMS programs and practices in Region 5 and beyond, through active involvement in quality improvement, training, or performance enhancement initiatives.
- **Community Engagement and Impact:** Active participation in community and regional activities, such as EMS councils, coalitions, or task forces, that have enhanced EMS's role and positively impacted health and safety in Region 5 and beyond.
- **Public Awareness and Support of EMS:** Efforts to raise public awareness, educate the community, and build support for EMS through outreach, advocacy, or public relations initiatives that reinforce a positive perception of EMS in Region 5 and beyond.

Nominations:

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Nominations must be received by November 30 at 11:59 p.m. Visit www.r5trauma.org to access the online form, or email submissions to michelle.archer@dph.ga.gov.

Email Subject Line - *Awards Nomination Submission (Agency/Nominee Name)*

Awards Interviews:

The David Moore Award of Excellence selection process primarily relies on information gathered through interviews with nominators and/or provided references. These interviews will provide essential insights into each nominee's qualifications, contributions, and impact. Applicants are encouraged to review the scoring matrix and interview questions before their Awards Interview to ensure that their responses fully represent the strengths of their nomination. Scheduling for Awards Interviews will begin within one week of receiving the initial nomination, and all interviews will be completed by the second week of December.

Selection Committee:

The Special Events Committee will appoint an independent Selection Committee to evaluate nominees. This committee will assess nominees based on interview responses aligned with the award criteria and the provided scoring matrix, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of each nominee's achievements and contributions. All nominations will be de-identified before they are shared with the Selection Committee. Committee members independently review and score nominees using the standardized scoring matrix, without consultation with other evaluators. Scores are then compiled and normalized to ensure equity across evaluators before final deliberation.

Potential Interview Questions:

Evaluation Category	Interview Questions
Exceptional Contributions to EMS Development	What specific contributions has the nominee made to the development, implementation, or improvement of EMS in Region 5? Can you provide examples of how these efforts have strengthened the EMS community regionally and beyond?
Leadership & Mentorship	How does the nominee demonstrate strong leadership qualities within the EMS community? Can you share examples of their mentorship, guidance of new providers, or initiatives that have inspired and elevated peers in the field?
Commitment to Excellence in EMS Programs	How has the nominee shown a dedication to upholding and promoting high standards within EMS programs?
Community Engagement & Impact	In what ways has the nominee contributed to community and regional EMS activities, such as councils, coalitions, or task forces? How has their involvement positively impacted health and safety in Region 5 and beyond?
Public Awareness & Support of EMS	How has the nominee worked to strengthen public awareness and build a positive perception of EMS in the community?

Scoring Matrix:

Total Possible Points: 100

Criteria	Points	Description
Exceptional Contributions to EMS Development	0-20	Evaluate the nominee's role in the development, implementation, or improvement of EMS within Region 5 and beyond, with achievements that have advanced EMS practices at multiple levels.
Leadership & Mentorship	0-20	Assess the nominee's demonstration of leadership qualities, mentorship of others, and ability to inspire peers and elevate EMS standards.
Commitment to Excellence in EMS Programs	0-20	Score based on the nominee's dedication to high standards in EMS, including involvement in quality improvement, training, or performance initiatives.
Community Engagement & Impact	0-20	Evaluate the nominee's participation in community and regional activities, councils, or task forces that enhance EMS's role and impact health and safety in Region 5 and beyond.
Public Awareness & Support of EMS	0-20	Assess the nominee's efforts to promote EMS awareness and community support, including outreach, advocacy, and public relations initiatives.

**A summary of attendance records specific to agency participation in the Regional Council, Subcommittee, Task Force, Coalition, Education, and Outreach initiatives will be available to the Selection Committee.*

Score Normalization:

Because evaluators naturally differ in scoring tendencies, nominee scores undergo a **normalization process** to ensure equity across evaluators. Normalization proportionally adjusts each evaluator's scoring range so that:

- Their lowest score = 1
- Their highest score = 5
- All other scores fall proportionally between these values

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REGION 5 EMS - SERVICE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Eligibility:

The service must be a licensed EMS Agency in good standing with the Georgia Department of Public Health and located in EMS Region 5.

Criteria:

The purpose of the Region 5 Emergency Medical Service of the Year Award is to recognize an EMS agency in our region that demonstrates outstanding professionalism, support for its providers, and commitment to delivering exceptional service to the community. The agency should exceed standard requirements, going above and beyond in patient care, training, community engagement, and EMS system participation. Specific areas of evaluation include:

- **Exceptional Qualifications:** How and why the agency stands out in its field, showcasing distinctive qualities or contributions that make it particularly deserving of this award.
- **Community Impact:** “How the agency positively impacts the lives of individuals within the community it serves.
- **Provider Support:** How the agency supports its EMS providers through training, wellness programs, professional development, and fostering a positive work environment.
- **Patient Care and Quality Improvement (CQI):** How the agency engages in programs or initiatives that enhance patient care quality, including innovations, patient-centered practices, and CQI efforts to assess and improve care delivery.
- **Training Programs:** How the agency engages in specific training programs aimed at enhancing the knowledge, skills, and readiness of EMS providers within the agency.
- **Community Engagement Programs:** Participation in programs that promote community awareness, injury prevention, preventive health initiatives, public relations, and other outreach efforts that demonstrate the agency’s commitment to community health.
- **Participation in the EMS System:** Engagement with EMS-related activities or organizations at local, regional, state, and national levels, contributing to the growth and development of EMS.

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Selection Committee:

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Potential Interview Questions:

Criteria	Description
Exceptional Qualifications	What sets this agency apart from others in Region 5, and why do you feel it is exceptionally qualified for the Service of the Year Award?
Community Impact	In what ways has this agency's work impacted the lives of individuals within the community it serves?
Provider Support	How does this agency professionally and personally support its EMS providers?
Patient Care & Quality Improvement	What specific patient care programs or initiatives has the agency implemented to enhance patient outcomes?
Training Programs	What training programs and resources does the agency offer to enhance provider skills and readiness?
Community Engagement Programs	What community awareness initiatives or preventive health programs does the agency offer, and how do they benefit the public?
Participation in the EMS System	How does the agency participate in EMS activities at broader levels beyond their local area?
Medical Direction, Protocols, & Guidelines	How do the agency's medical direction, protocols, and guidelines demonstrate innovation or a commitment to high-quality care?
Specialized Equipment Utilization	Does the service use any specialized equipment beyond state requirements? If yes, how has this equipment improved outcomes or the agency's capabilities?
Research & Performance Improvement	Is the agency involved in specific research projects or performance improvement initiatives? If yes, how has the agency used these initiatives to improve patient care?

Scoring Matrix:

Total Possible Points: 100

Criteria	Points	Description
Exceptional Qualifications	0-15	Evaluate why this nominee is exceptionally qualified, detailing qualities that distinguish the agency from others.
Community Impact	0-15	Evaluate the agency's overall positive influence on its community.
Provider Support	0-10	Evaluate the agency's programs to support, train, and develop its EMS providers, including wellness, professional growth, and positive work culture.
Patient Care & Quality Improvement	0-10	Score based on the quality of patient care programs, including CQI initiatives that assess and improve patient outcomes and care standards.
Training Programs	0-10	Evaluate specific programs to enhance providers' skills, knowledge, and readiness to deliver high-quality care.
Community Engagement Programs	0-10	Evaluate the agency's community awareness, preventive health, and public relations efforts, showing its commitment to community well-being.
Participation in the EMS System	0-10	Points for active involvement in local, regional, state, or national EMS activities and their positive effects on the agency and community.
Medical Direction, Protocols, & Guidelines	0-10	Evaluate the innovation, comprehensiveness, and quality of agency protocols and medical oversight.
Specialized Equipment Utilization	0-5	Points for the use of specialized equipment beyond state minimums and its impact on patient care.
Research & Performance Improvement	0-5	Score for involvement in EMS-related research and integration of findings into practice.

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Score Normalization:

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REGION 5 EMS - DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Eligibility:

The nominee must be an EMS Director in good standing working for a licensed EMS Service in Region 5.

Criteria:

The purpose of the Region 5 Emergency Medical Service Director of the Year Award is to recognize an EMS Director who exemplifies outstanding leadership, dedication, and integrity in their role. The nominee should demonstrate admirable character, high morals, and a strong commitment to EMS at the community, regional, and/or state level. This award recognizes directors who are actively engaged in improving, expanding, or enhancing EMS services within their communities and beyond. Specific areas of evaluation include:

- **Exceptional Leadership and Vision:** Evidence of the director's ability to inspire, lead, and set a clear vision for EMS services within their agency and the broader EMS community.
- **Ethical Leadership and Integrity:** Demonstration of ethical decision-making, honesty, and integrity in managing challenges and promoting high ethical standards within the team.
- **Dedication to Professional Excellence:** Commitment to high standards and continuous improvement, including participation in professional development for themselves and their team.
- **Empathy and Compassion:** Ability to demonstrate compassion and empathy in interactions with staff, patients, and the community, supporting team members through personal and professional challenges.
- **Provider Development and Support:** How the director supports its EMS providers through training, wellness programs, professional development, and fostering a positive work environment.
- **Community Engagement and Impact:** Leadership in programs that promote community awareness, injury prevention, preventive health initiatives, public relations, and other outreach efforts that demonstrate the agency's commitment to community health.
- **Engagement in EMS System Development:** Involvement in EMS activities at regional, state, or national levels that support the growth and development of EMS.
- **Innovation and Forward-Thinking Approaches:** Examples of how the director has introduced or supported innovative practices, protocols, or technologies to advance EMS services.

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Awards Interviews:

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Selection Committee:

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independently review and score nominees using the standardized scoring matrix, without consultation with other evaluators. Scores are then compiled and normalized to ensure equity across evaluators before final deliberation.

Potential Interview Questions:

Criteria	Description
Exceptional Leadership & Vision	What leadership qualities set this director apart from others, and how do they set clear vision for EMS within their agency and community?
Ethical Leadership & Integrity	How does the director model ethical decision-making, honesty, and integrity in managing challenges and promoting high ethical standards within the team?
Dedication to Professional Excellence	In what ways does the director set high standards for themselves and the agency?
Empathy & Compassion	How does the director show empathy and compassion toward their team, patients, or the community?
Provider Support & Development	How does the director support the professional and personal growth of EMS providers?
Community Engagement & Impact	Can you provide examples where the director's involvement in or support of programs directly benefited community members or addressed a local health need?
Engagement in EMS System Development	Can you describe the director's involvement in EMS activities that support the growth and development of the EMS system at the regional, state, or national levels?
Innovation & Forward-Thinking Approaches	Can you provide an example of a forward-thinking approach the director has championed? (Innovative practices, protocols, or technologies.)

Scoring Matrix:

Total Possible Points: 100

Criteria	Points	Description
Exceptional Leadership & Vision	0-15	Evaluate the director's ability to inspire, lead, and set a clear vision for EMS services, both within their agency and the broader EMS community.
Ethical Leadership & Integrity	0-15	Assess the director's ethical decision-making, honesty, and promotion of high ethical standards, particularly in challenging situations.
Dedication to Professional Excellence	0-15	Evaluate the director's commitment to high standards, continuous improvement, and professional development for both them and their team.
Empathy & Compassion	0-15	Assess the director's ability to show empathy and compassion in interactions with staff, patients, and the community, especially in challenging times.
Provider Support & Development	0-10	Score based on the director's efforts to support EMS providers through training, wellness programs, professional development, and a positive work environment.
Community Engagement & Impact	0-10	Evaluate the director's leadership in community-focused programs, including preventive health initiatives, public relations, and outreach that benefit the community's health.
Engagement in EMS System Development*	0-10	Assess the director's involvement in EMS activities at regional, state, or national levels that support the growth and integration of EMS services.
Innovation & Forward-Thinking Approaches	0-10	Evaluate the director's ability to introduce or support innovative practices, protocols, or technologies that advance EMS services within their agency and beyond.

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REGION 5 EMS - EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Eligibility:

The nominee must be an active, licensed EMS instructor in good standing, who provides instruction to EMS professionals within Region 5.

Criteria:

The Region 5 EMS Educator of the Year Award recognizes an EMS educator who demonstrates exceptional dedication to EMS education at the community, regional, and/or state levels. This award celebrates educators who go beyond the expected requirements, contributing meaningfully to the growth and excellence of EMS training and knowledge. Specific areas of evaluation include:

- **Exceptional Qualities:** How and why the educator stands out, showcasing distinctive qualities or contributions that make them particularly deserving of this award.
- **Exemplary Teaching Skills:** Demonstration of outstanding instructional abilities that engage, inspire, and effectively communicate essential EMS knowledge and skills.
- **Commitment to Educational Excellence:** Dedication to high standards in EMS education, including staying current with best practices and continually improving educational methods.
- **Student and Colleague Impact:** Positive influence on students and colleagues through mentorship, guidance, and support, contributing to their professional growth and competence.
- **Community Engagement:** Active involvement in programs that promote community awareness, injury prevention, or other public health initiatives.
- **Innovation in EMS Training:** Introduction of innovative methods, tools, or approaches that enhance EMS education and improve learning outcomes for EMS professionals.
- **Engagement in the EMS Education Community:** Active involvement in EMS education activities at the regional, state, or national levels that support the growth and development of EMS training and knowledge.
- **Engagement in EMS System Development:** Involvement in EMS activities at regional, state, or national levels that support the growth and development of EMS.

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Awards Interviews:

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Selection Committee:

The Special Events Committee will appoint an independent Selection Committee to evaluate nominees. This committee will assess nominees based on interview responses aligned with the award criteria and the provided scoring matrix, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of each nominee's achievements and contributions. The nominee achieving the highest composite score will be determined to be the Region 5 Educator of the Year. All nominations will be de-identified before they are shared with the Selection Committee. Committee members independently review and score nominees using the standardized scoring matrix, without consultation with other evaluators. Scores are then compiled and normalized to ensure equity across evaluators before final deliberation. The nominee achieving the highest composite normalized score will be determined to be the Region 5 EMS Educator of the Year.

Potential Interview Questions:

Criteria	Interview Questions
Exceptional Qualities	What unique qualities or contributions set this educator apart from others in the EMS field?
Exemplary Teaching Skills	How does the educator demonstrate outstanding teaching skills that engage and inspire their students?
Commitment to Educational Excellence	How does the educator show dedication to high standards in EMS education? What steps do they take to stay updated with best practices or enhance their teaching methods?
Student and Colleague Impact	How has the educator positively influenced their students and colleagues?
Community Engagement	In what ways is the educator involved in community programs that promote EMS awareness or public health?
Innovation in EMS Training	What innovative methods, tools, or approaches has the educator introduced to improve EMS education?
Engagement in the EMS Education Community	How does the educator actively contribute to the EMS education community at the regional, state, or national levels?
Engagement in EMS System Development	How is the educator involved in broader EMS activities that support system growth and development?

Scoring Matrix:

Total Possible Points: 100

Criteria	Points	Description
Exceptional Qualities	0-15	Evaluate the educator's unique qualities or contributions that distinguish them within the EMS education field.
Exemplary Teaching Skills	0-15	Assess the educator's instructional abilities, including their effectiveness in engaging and inspiring students and conveying EMS knowledge.
Commitment to Educational Excellence	0-15	Score based on the educator's dedication to maintaining high standards, staying current with best practices, and improving their methods.
Student & Colleague Impact	0-15	Evaluate the educator's influence on students and colleagues through mentorship, support, and contributions to their professional growth.
Community Engagement	0-10	Assess the educator's involvement in community programs that raise awareness, promote health, or support injury prevention initiatives.
Innovation in EMS Training	0-10	Evaluate the educator's introduction of innovative methods or tools that improve the learning experience and outcomes for EMS professionals.
Engagement in the EMS Education Community*	0-10	Score based on the educator's participation in EMS education activities at regional, state, or national levels that support the field's growth.
Engagement in EMS System Development*	0-10	Assess the educator's involvement in EMS activities that contribute to system-wide growth and development at various levels.

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REGION 5 EMS - PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR AWARD

Eligibility:

The nominee must hold a current Georgia Paramedic RN license. The nominee must be a provider in good standing working or volunteering in Region 5 and must provide direct patient care. This award is NOT open to EMS Administrators, Directors, or Supervisors who do not routinely deliver direct patient care as a primary responder.

Criteria:

The purpose of the Region 5 Emergency Medical Service Paramedic of the Year Award is to recognize and show appreciation to an EMS provider in our region who demonstrates professionalism, admirable character, high morals, and a deep commitment to the community they serve. This award celebrates providers who go above and beyond in delivering patient care or contributing to the community through programs and outreach efforts, enhancing EMS's role within the community. Specific areas of evaluation include:

- **Exceptional Qualities:** How and why the provider stands out, showcasing distinctive qualities or contributions that make them particularly deserving of this award.
- **Professionalism:** Evidence of the provider's consistent high standards in conduct, reliability, and commitment to delivering quality EMS services.
- **Admirable Character:** Demonstration of integrity, empathy, and positive influence on patients, colleagues, and the EMS community.
- **Patient Care Excellence:** Commitment to delivering exceptional care, going beyond standard practices to improve patient outcomes and provide compassionate support.
- **Community Engagement and Outreach:** Active involvement in programs that promote community awareness, injury prevention, or other public health initiatives.
- **Commitment to EMS Advancement:** Efforts to enhance EMS understanding within the community or through personal professional development.
- **Going Above and Beyond:** Consistent dedication to exceeding what is required or expected, demonstrating commitment to their role and the community.

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Awards Interviews:

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Selection Committee:

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Potential Interview Questions:

Criteria	Interview Questions
Exceptional Qualities	What distinctive qualities or contributions set this provider apart from others?
Professionalism	How does the provider demonstrate commitment to high standards, reliability, or accountability in patient care and daily responsibilities?
Admirable Character	How does the provider display admirable character traits, such as integrity and empathy?
Patient Care Excellence	How does the provider exemplify excellence in patient care through their commitment to improving patient outcomes and demonstrating exceptional compassion?
Community Engagement & Outreach	In what ways is the provider involved in community-focused programs or initiatives?
Commitment to EMS Advancement	How has the provider contributed to advancing the understanding or perception of EMS within the community? What efforts have they made to pursue ongoing education or personal development in EMS?
Going Above & Beyond	How has the provider consistently gone beyond expectations, showing dedication to their role and the community?

Scoring Matrix:

Total Possible Points: 100

Criteria	Points	Description
Exceptional Qualities	0-15	Evaluate the provider's unique qualities or contributions that distinguish them from others in the EMS field.
Professionalism	0-15	Assess the provider's commitment to high standards, reliability, and accountability in patient care and daily responsibilities.
Admirable Character	0-15	Evaluate the provider's display of integrity, empathy, and positive influence on patients, colleagues, and the EMS community.
Patient Care Excellence	0-15	Score based on the provider's commitment to exceptional patient care, improved outcomes, and compassion in their approach to care.
Community Engagement & Outreach	0-15	Assess the provider's involvement in community programs that promote health, awareness, or injury prevention.
Commitment to EMS Advancement	0-10	Evaluate the provider's contributions to advancing EMS understanding within the community and commitment to professional growth.
Going Above & Beyond*	0-15	Score based on the provider's consistent dedication to exceeding expectations in their role and showing commitment to the community.

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REGION 5 EMS – DANNY BAGGETT EMT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Eligibility:

The nominee must hold a current Georgia EMTR, EMT, AEMT, EMT-I, or CT license. The nominee must be a provider in good standing working or volunteering in Region 5 and must provide direct patient care. This award is NOT open to EMS Administrators, Directors, or Supervisors who do not routinely deliver direct patient care as a primary responder.

Criteria:

The purpose of the Region 5 Emergency Medical Service EMT of the Year Award is to recognize and show appreciation to an EMS provider in our region who demonstrates professionalism, admirable character, high morals, and a deep commitment to the community they serve. This award celebrates providers who go above and beyond in delivering patient care or contributing to the community through programs and outreach efforts, enhancing EMS's role within the community. Specific areas of evaluation include:

- **Exceptional Qualities:** How and why the provider stands out, showcasing distinctive qualities or contributions that make them particularly deserving of this award.
- **Professionalism:** Evidence of the provider's consistent high standards in conduct, reliability, and commitment to delivering quality EMS services.
- **Admirable Character:** Demonstration of integrity, empathy, and positive influence on patients, colleagues, and the EMS community.
- **Patient Care Excellence:** Commitment to delivering exceptional care, going beyond standard practices to improve patient outcomes and provide compassionate support.
- **Community Engagement and Outreach:** Active involvement in programs that promote community awareness, injury prevention, or other public health initiatives.
- **Commitment to EMS Advancement:** Efforts to enhance EMS understanding within the community or through personal professional development.
- **Going Above and Beyond:** Consistent dedication to exceeding what is required or expected, demonstrating commitment to their role and the community.

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Awards Interviews:

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Selection Committee:

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Potential Interview Questions:

Criteria	Interview Questions
Exceptional Qualities	What distinctive qualities or contributions set this provider apart from others?
Professionalism	How does the provider demonstrate commitment to high standards, reliability, or accountability in patient care and daily responsibilities?
Admirable Character	How does the provider display admirable character traits, such as integrity and empathy?
Patient Care Excellence	How does the provider exemplify excellence in patient care through their commitment to improving patient outcomes and demonstrating exceptional compassion?
Community Engagement & Outreach	In what ways is the provider involved in community-focused programs or initiatives?
Commitment to EMS Advancement	How has the provider contributed to advancing the understanding or perception of EMS within the community? What efforts have they made to pursue ongoing education or personal development in EMS?
Going Above & Beyond	How has the provider consistently gone beyond expectations, showing dedication to their role and the community?

Scoring Matrix:

Total Possible Points: 100

Criteria	Points	Description
Exceptional Qualities	0-15	Evaluate the provider's unique qualities or contributions that distinguish them from others in the EMS field.
Professionalism	0-15	Assess the provider's commitment to high standards, reliability, and accountability in patient care and daily responsibilities.
Admirable Character	0-15	Evaluate the provider's display of integrity, empathy, and positive influence on patients, colleagues, and the EMS community.
Patient Care Excellence	0-15	Score based on the provider's commitment to exceptional patient care, improved outcomes, and compassion in their approach to care.
Community Engagement & Outreach	0-15	Assess the provider's involvement in community programs that promote health, awareness, or injury prevention.
Commitment to EMS Advancement	0-10	Evaluate the provider's contributions to advancing EMS understanding within the community and commitment to professional growth.
Going Above & Beyond*	0-15	Score based on the provider's consistent dedication to exceeding expectations in their role and showing commitment to the community.

*A summary of attendance records specific to provider participation in the Regional Council, Subcommittee, Task Force, Coalition, Education, and Outreach initiatives will be available to the Selection Committee.

Score Normalization:

Because evaluators naturally differ in scoring tendencies, nominee scores undergo a **normalization process** to ensure equity across evaluators. Normalization proportionally adjusts each evaluator's scoring range so that:

- Their lowest score = 1
- Their highest score = 5
- All other scores fall proportionally between these values

This preserves individual evaluator rankings while preventing extremely generous or conservative scoring from disproportionately influencing outcomes. Once normalized, scores from all evaluators are averaged to determine each nominee's final score. The nominee with the highest composite score is selected as the award recipient.

REGION 5 EMS - RISING STAR AWARD

Eligibility:

The nominee must hold a current Georgia EMTR, EMT, EMT-I, AEMT, CT, Paramedic, or RN license having less than five (5) years of field experience at their current level. The nominee must be a provider in good standing working or volunteering in Region 5 and must provide direct patient care. This award is NOT open to EMS Administrators, Directors, or Supervisors who do not routinely deliver direct patient care as a primary responder.

Criteria:

The purpose of the Region 5 Emergency Medical Service Rising Star Award is to recognize and show appreciation to an EMS provider in our region who demonstrates professionalism, admirable character, high morals, and a deep commitment to the community they serve. This award celebrates providers who go above and beyond in delivering patient care or contributing to the community through programs and outreach efforts, enhancing EMS's role within the community. Specific areas of evaluation include:

- **Exceptional Qualities:** How and why the provider stands out, showcasing distinctive qualities or contributions that make them particularly deserving of this award.
- **Professionalism:** Evidence of the provider's consistent high standards in conduct, reliability, and commitment to delivering quality EMS services.
- **Admirable Character:** Demonstration of integrity, empathy, and positive influence on patients, colleagues, and the EMS community.
- **Patient Care Excellence:** Commitment to delivering exceptional care, going beyond standard practices to improve patient outcomes and provide compassionate support.
- **Community Engagement and Outreach:** Active involvement in programs that promote community awareness, injury prevention, or other public health initiatives.
- **Commitment to EMS Advancement:** Efforts to enhance EMS understanding within the community or through personal professional development.
- **Going Above and Beyond:** Consistent dedication to exceeding what is required or expected, demonstrating commitment to their role and the community.

Nominations:

Nominations can be submitted online, by hand, or by email to Michelle Archer, Region 5 EMS Program Director.

Nominations must be received by November 30 at 11:59 p.m. Visit www.r5trauma.org to access the online form, or email submissions to michelle.archer@dph.ga.gov.

Email Subject Line - *Awards Nomination Submission (Agency/Nominee Name)*

Awards Interviews:

The Rising Star Award selection process primarily relies on information gathered through interviews with nominators and/or provided references. These interviews will provide essential insights into each nominee's qualifications, contributions, and impact. Applicants are encouraged to review the scoring matrix and interview questions before their Awards Interview to ensure that their responses fully represent the strengths of their nomination. Scheduling for Awards Interviews will begin within one week of receiving the initial nomination, and all interviews will be completed by the second week of December.

Selection Committee:

The Special Events Committee will appoint an independent Selection Committee to evaluate nominees. This committee will assess nominees based on interview responses aligned with the award criteria and the provided scoring matrix, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of each nominee's achievements and contributions. The nominee achieving the highest combined score will be determined to be the Region 5 Rising Star Award recipient.

Potential Interview Questions:

Criteria	Interview Questions
Exceptional Qualities	What distinctive qualities or contributions set this provider apart from others?
Professionalism	How does the provider demonstrate commitment to high standards, reliability, or accountability in patient care and daily responsibilities?
Admirable Character	How does the provider display admirable character traits, such as integrity and empathy?
Patient Care Excellence	How does the provider exemplify excellence in patient care through their commitment to improving patient outcomes and demonstrating exceptional compassion?
Community Engagement & Outreach	In what ways is the provider involved in community-focused programs or initiatives?
Commitment to EMS Advancement	How has the provider contributed to advancing the understanding or perception of EMS within the community? What efforts have they made to pursue ongoing education or personal development in EMS?
Going Above & Beyond	How has the provider consistently gone beyond expectations, showing dedication to their role and the community?

Scoring Matrix:

Total Possible Points: 100

Criteria	Points	Description
Exceptional Qualities	0-15	Evaluate the provider's unique qualities or contributions that distinguish them from others in the EMS field.
Professionalism	0-15	Assess the provider's commitment to high standards, reliability, and accountability in patient care and daily responsibilities.
Admirable Character	0-15	Evaluate the provider's display of integrity, empathy, and positive influence on patients, colleagues, and the EMS community.
Patient Care Excellence	0-15	Score based on the provider's commitment to exceptional patient care, improved outcomes, and compassion in their approach to care.
Community Engagement & Outreach	0-15	Assess the provider's involvement in community programs that promote health, awareness, or injury prevention.
Commitment to EMS Advancement	0-10	Evaluate the provider's contributions to advancing EMS understanding within the community and commitment to professional growth.
Going Above & Beyond*	0-15	Score based on the provider's consistent dedication to exceeding expectations in their role and showing commitment to the community.

*A summary of attendance records specific to provider participation in the Regional Council, Subcommittee, Task Force, Coalition, Education, and Outreach initiatives will be available to the Selection Committee.

Score Normalization:

Because evaluators naturally differ in scoring tendencies, nominee scores undergo a **normalization process** to ensure equity across evaluators. Normalization proportionally adjusts each evaluator's scoring range so that:

- Their lowest score = 1
- Their highest score = 5
- All other scores fall proportionally between these values

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REGION 5 EMS - MEDAL OF VALOR

Eligibility:

The purpose of the Medal of Valor is to honor an individual or team within the Central Georgia Region 5 EMS area who has demonstrated exceptional bravery. This award recognizes acts of valor performed under extreme or adverse conditions, where the nominee(s) distinguished themselves without regard to potential risk to life and limb. Acts of valor may be performed on or off duty.

Criteria:

The Medal of Valor is awarded to individuals or teams who have shown extraordinary courage and selflessness in service. Nominees should exemplify the highest level of bravery, prioritizing the safety and well-being of others above their own. When submitting a nomination, please provide specific details describing the act of valor and the circumstances involved. Avoid generalizations, and focus on the actions taken, the conditions faced, and the impact of the nominee's bravery.

Nominations:

Nominations can be submitted online, by hand, or by email to Michelle Archer, Region 5 EMS Program Director.

Nominations must be received by November 30 at 11:59 p.m. Visit www.r5trauma.org to access the online form, or email submissions to michelle.archer@dph.ga.gov.

Email Subject Line - *Awards Nomination Submission (Agency/Nominee Name)*

Required Information:

(No narrative or identifying patient information needed.)

- Date of Incident
- PCR / Incident Number
- Response Agency or Agencies
- Individuals to Be Recognized (if known)

Important:

Medal of Valor nominations are reviewed and validated by the Region 5 Awards Selection Committee using an incident-based evaluation process. When protected health information is involved, review is conducted within Region 5's established Performance Improvement and Peer Review practices. Medal of Valor recognition is non-competitive and is awarded based solely on verified heroic actions that exceed the expectations of duty.

Awards Interviews:

For some nominations, interviews may be conducted with nominators, nominees, or references to ensure full understanding of the circumstances and impact of the event.

Selection:

Medal of Valor Awards are determined through a verification process involving interviews, evidence review, and documentation analysis. As these nominations often involve patient care and protected information, cases are reviewed at the regional level within the framework of Region 5's long-established Performance Improvement (PI) and Peer Review processes.

Each case is carefully evaluated to ensure compliance with confidentiality standards and fair consideration of all contributing factors. All identifying information will be removed to ensure blinded evaluation. Cases are reviewed in a closed session by members of the Special Events Committee and the Regional Trauma Performance Improvement Subcommittee.

The Special Events Committee will evaluate Medal of Valor nominees based on interview responses aligned with the award criteria. **Important: This award is intended to honor individuals or teams who have demonstrated extraordinary courage and selflessness in service to others. While the Medal of Valor recognizes acts involving self-sacrifice and a disregard for personal safety, it is not intended for those whose actions reflect wanton recklessness or a disregard for patient and public safety.**



AWARDS CELEBRATION

2025-2026 Nomination Form

PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO SUBMIT ONE OR MORE REGION 5 AWARD NOMINATIONS.

You are welcome to type your responses directly into this document. Be sure to save and review all responses prior to submission.

NOMINATOR INFORMATION *Person Submitting Nomination(s)*

Important: If you wish to remain anonymous, please submit written responses to the potential interview questions provided for in the awards criteria and guidelines. Your responses should be submitted in a separate document

<i>Submitted By:</i>			
<i>Title/Position:</i>			
<i>Agency/Institution:</i>			
<i>Email Address:</i>		<i>Mobile Number:</i>	

REFERENCE

Optional: Please consider listing a trusted supervisor, training officer, or co-worker capable of supporting these nominations.

<i>Reference:</i>			
<i>Title/Position:</i>			
<i>Agency/Institution:</i>			
<i>Email Address:</i>		<i>Mobile Number:</i>	

DAVID MOORE AWARD NOMINATION

Eligibility: The David Moore Award of Excellence recognizes an individual who has unselfishly dedicated their time and efforts to improving EMS in Region 5. This award celebrates outstanding contributions, leadership, and commitment to advancing EMS. Recipients have demonstrated exceptional dedication to strengthening the regional EMS community through mentorship, innovation, public awareness, and community engagement

<i>Nominee's Name:</i>			
<i>Agency/Institution:</i>			
<i>Email Address:</i>		<i>Mobile Number:</i>	

SERVICE OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Eligibility: The service must be a licensed EMS Agency, in good standing with the Georgia Department of Public Health and located in EMS Region 5.

<i>Agency:</i>			
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DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Eligibility: The nominee must be an EMS Director in good standing working for a licensed EMS Service in Region 5.

<i>Nominee's Name:</i>			
<i>Email Address:</i>		<i>Mobile Number:</i>	

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Eligibility: The nominee must be an active, licensed EMS instructor in good standing, who provides instruction to EMS professionals within Region 5.

<i>Nominee's Name:</i>			
<i>Agency/Institution:</i>			
<i>Email Address:</i>		<i>Mobile Number:</i>	



Central Georgia **REGION 5** Emergency Medical Services

AWARDS CELEBRATION

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PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Eligibility: The nominee must hold a current Georgia Paramedic. The nominee must be a provider in good standing working or volunteering in Region 5 and must provide direct patient care. This award is NOT open to EMS Administrators, Directors, or Supervisors who do not routinely deliver direct patient care as a primary responder.

Nominee's Name:

Agency/Institution:

Email Address:

Mobile Number:

EMT OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION

Eligibility: The nominee must hold a current Georgia EMTR, EMT, EMT-I, AEMT, or CT. The nominee must be a provider in good standing working or volunteering in Region 5 and must provide direct patient care. This award is NOT open to EMS Administrators, Directors, or Supervisors who do not routinely deliver direct patient care as a primary responder.

Nominee's Name:

Agency/Institution:

Email Address:

Mobile Number:

RISING STAR AWARD NOMINATION

Eligibility: The nominee must hold a current Georgia EMTR, EMT, EMT-I, AEMT, CT, Paramedic, or RN license having less than five (5) years of field experience at their current level. The nominee must be a provider in good standing working or volunteering in Region 5 and must provide direct patient care. This award is NOT open to EMS Administrators, Directors, or Supervisors who do not routinely deliver direct patient care as a primary responder.

Nominee's Name:

Agency/Institution:

Email Address:

Mobile Number:

MEDAL OF VALOR NOMINATION

Eligibility: The purpose of the Medal of Valor is to honor an individual or team within the Central Georgia Region 5 EMS area who has demonstrated exceptional bravery. This award recognizes acts of valor performed under extreme or adverse conditions, where the nominee(s) distinguished themselves without regard to potential risk to life and limb.

Nominee's Name:

Agency/Institution:

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Nominations

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Visit www.R5Trauma.org to access the online form, or email submissions to michelle.archer@dph.ga.gov using the subject line: "Awards Nomination Submission (Agency/Nominee Name)."

Awards Interviews

The awards selection process relies heavily on interviews with nominators and/or listed references. These interviews provide essential insights into each nominee's qualifications, contributions, and impact. Applicants are encouraged to review the interview questions in advance to ensure that their responses fully represent the strengths of their nomination.

Scheduling for Awards Interviews will begin within one week of receiving the initial nomination, and all interviews will be completed by the second week of December.

The selection process for the Rising Star, Provider of the Year, Educator of the Year, Director of the Year, Service of the Year, and David Moore Awards primarily relies on information gathered through interviews with nominators and/or provided references. All interviews are recorded, transcribed, summarized, and de-identified to ensure consistency, accuracy, and impartiality throughout the review process.

Awards Selection Process

The Region 5 Special Events Committee appoints an independent Selection and Scoring Committee to evaluate all eligible nominees. These outstanding EMS professionals and partners—who exemplify excellence across our state—are not affiliated with any EMS agency serving Region 5, ensuring an impartial and unbiased evaluation of every nomination.

The committee evaluates each nominee based on:

- Interview responses aligned with the established award criteria
- Documentation and examples demonstrating excellence in service
- Scoring outcomes using a standardized, objective matrix

Because evaluators naturally differ in scoring tendencies, nominee scores undergo a **normalization process** to ensure equity across evaluators. Normalization proportionally adjusts each evaluator's scoring range so that:

- Their lowest score = 1
- Their highest score = 5
- All other scores fall proportionally between these values

This preserves individual evaluator rankings while preventing extremely generous or conservative scoring from disproportionately influencing outcomes. Once normalized, scores from all evaluators are averaged to determine each nominee's final score. The nominee with the highest composite score is selected as the award recipient.

Medal of Valor

The Medal of Valor Awards are determined through a verification process involving interviews, evidence review, and documentation analysis, as these nominations often involve patient care and protected information. These awards are reviewed at the regional level within the framework of Region 5's long-established Performance Improvement (PI) and Peer Review framework. Each nomination is carefully evaluated to ensure compliance with confidentiality standards and fair consideration of all contributing factors.

Confidentiality

To maintain the highest level of integrity and fairness, the Region 5 Special Events Committee does not disclose who has been nominated for individual awards, nor does it conduct nominee reviews directly. All nominations and nominators remain anonymous throughout the process.

REGION 5 EMS - SPECIALIZED REGIONAL AWARDS

In addition to the annual competitive awards recognized at the Region 5 EMS Awards Celebration, these specialized honors provide opportunities to acknowledge exceptional service and contributions that may occur outside the formal interview-based selection process. Each award highlights an important dimension of excellence within our regional EMS system.

These recognitions may be awarded during the banquet or throughout the year, depending on the nature and timing of the achievement. They ensure that meaningful acts of service, innovation, or support are honored when they occur, rather than being limited to a single event cycle.

Interested individuals or agencies may contact the Region 5 EMS Special Events Committee to inquire about eligibility, recognition timelines, or opportunities to nominate deserving recipients.

Cans for Kids Awards:

The Cans for Kids Awards recognize EMS agencies and partners' exceptional efforts in supporting families and communities in need. These awards honor those who actively participated in the Region's EMS for Children 21st Annual Cans for Kids Campaign, collecting and distributing non-perishable food and essential items to those in need.

Save Awards:

The Save Awards honor those who played a direct role in maintaining or improving a patient's condition in the prehospital setting. These awards recognize life-saving interventions that give patients the opportunity to recover and lead productive lives following critical incidents.

Impact Awards:

The Impact Awards celebrate those whose service has made a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Recipients are recognized for their dedication to improving readiness, response, and well-being of the regional community through selfless acts and interagency collaboration.

Resilience Awards:

The Resilience Awards recognize efforts to support EMS providers through wellness programs, professional development, and creating a positive work environment. Recipients are celebrated for enhancing resilience within the workforce and ensuring sustainable EMS practices.

Meritorious Service Awards:

The Meritorious Service Awards honor individuals or groups whose actions go above and beyond expectations, making a significant impact on the community, especially in critical or challenging situations.

Community Legacy Award:

The Community Legacy Award recognizes sustained leadership in programs that promote community awareness, injury prevention, preventive health initiatives, public relations, and other outreach efforts. Recipients are honored for their ongoing, long-term commitment to improving public health and creating a lasting impact, demonstrating a continuous dedication to service and community.

Region 5 Save Awards Criteria, Selection Process, and Confidentiality

Eligibility:

The purpose of the Save Award is to honor an individual or team within the Central Georgia Region 5 EMS area who played a direct role in maintaining or improving a patient's condition in the prehospital setting.

Criteria:

This award recognizes those performing life-saving interventions that give patients the opportunity to recover and lead a meaningful and productive life following the incident—outcomes that would not have been possible without on-scene intervention. In all instances, the patient must survive to hospital discharge, with the hope of continued healing and recovery.

- All civilians and responders who played a direct role in maintaining or improving the patient's condition should be included in the nomination.
- In some instances, Emergency Department personnel and in-hospital providers who had an integral role in the patient's resuscitation may also be eligible for recognition.

Nominations:

Nominations can be submitted online, by hand, or by email to Michelle Archer, Region 5 EMS Program Director. Nominations are accepted at any time but must be submitted within one (1) year of the date of the incident. Special dispensation may be granted to accommodate cases where survivors have an extended recovery period. Visit www.r5trauma.org to access the online form, or email submissions to michelle.archer@dph.ga.gov.

Required Information:

(No narrative or identifying patient information needed.)

- Date of Incident
- PCR / Incident Number
- Response Agency or Agencies
- Individuals to Be Recognized (if known)

Important:

Region 5 will work with response agencies to identify and verify all eligible responders through Performance Improvement review and incident investigation. Save Awards are approved through an executive-level review process, with verification performed through Region 5's Performance Improvement and Peer Review framework.

Selection:

Save Awards are determined through a verification process involving interviews, evidence review, and documentation analysis. As these nominations often involve patient care and protected information, cases are reviewed at the regional level within the framework of Region 5's long-established Performance Improvement (PI) and Peer Review processes.

Each case is carefully evaluated to ensure compliance with confidentiality standards and fair consideration of all contributing factors. If the available clinical evidence clearly indicates that the award criteria have been met, approval may occur at the level of the Special Events Chair and Regional Program Director without further review. If clarification or additional consideration is required, cases are reviewed in a closed session by members of the Special Events Committee and/or the Regional Trauma Performance Improvement Subcommittee.

The Special Events Committee Chair and Regional Program Director will evaluate Save Award nominations in accordance with the criteria outlined above. At their discretion, nominations may be referred to additional regional committees for further review. If referred, all identifying information will be removed to ensure blinded evaluation.