



Central Shenandoah Emergency Medical Services Council

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Central Shenandoah EMS Council presents annual regional EMS awards

(Staunton, Va.)— 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 23, 2008 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 15, 2008 in Norfolk at the 29th Annual Virginia EMS Symposium.”

The CSEMESC award winners include:

- **Award for Excellence in EMS** – Sharon Tutt, Stuarts Draft Rescue Squad, County of Augusta
- **Outstanding EMS Prehospital Provider** – Brandon Peavy, Harrisonburg Rescue Squad, City of Harrisonburg.
- **Outstanding EMS Physician** – John Sheridan, D.O., Carilion Stonewall Jackson Hospital, City of Lexington.
- **Outstanding EMS Pre-Hospital Educator** – Shaun Carpenter, Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad, City of Staunton
- **Outstanding Contribution to EMS by a Nurse** – Robin Root, County of Augusta
- **Outstanding EMS Administrator** – David E. Cullen, Jr., Central Shenandoah EMS Council, City of Staunton.
- **Outstanding EMS Agency** – Rockingham County Fire and Rescue Department, Rockingham County.
- **Outstanding Contribution to EMS** – White’s Truck Stop, County of Rockbridge.
- **Outstanding Contribution to EMS for Children** – Family Resource and Referral Center, City of Staunton.
- **Outstanding EMS Telecommunications Officer/Dispatcher** – James Junkins, Director, Harrisonburg – Rockingham Emergency Communications Center.
- **CSEMS Kevin Sperka Award (Junior Member Award)** – Kyle Stachowski, Waynesboro First Aid Crew, City of Waynesboro
- **CSEMS Senior Squad Member Award**– Erin Smoak, Harrisonburg Rescue Squad, City of Harrisonburg.

Each winner received a distinctive award and pin from CSEMS Board President Gary Critzer, Tim Perkins of the Virginia Office of EMS, and EMS Program Representative Andy Daniels 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 2009 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.