



## Central Shenandoah Emergency Medical Services Council

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### Central Shenandoah EMS Council presents annual regional EMS awards

Regional emergency medical services agencies and eight individuals received awards from the Central Shenandoah Regional EMS Council (CSEMESC) at an awards ceremony held July 26 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 11 in Norfolk at the 27<sup>th</sup> Virginia EMS Symposium.”

The CSEMESC award winners include:

- Outstanding EMS Physician – **Nazir Adam**, M.D. of Rockingham Memorial Hospital.
- Outstanding EMS Telecommunications Officer/Dispatcher – **Linda Lawhorne** of the Rockbridge County Emergency Operations Center.
- Outstanding Contribution to EMS for Children – **Safe Kids – Central Shenandoah Valley Coalition**.
- Outstanding EMS Pre-Hospital Educator – **Elizabeth “Bunny” Hearn** of Augusta County Fire and Rescue.
- Outstanding Contribution to EMS by a Nurse – **Marianna Higgins**, R.N. from Carilion Stonewall Jackson Hospital.
- Outstanding EMS Administrator – **Amanda Hartless**, American Heart Association Community Training Coordinator for the Central Shenandoah EMS Council.
- Outstanding EMS Agency – **Burnsville First Responders** in Bath County.
- Outstanding Senior Rescue Squad Member of the Year – **Michael Spurgeon** of the Hot Springs Rescue Squad.
- Outstanding EMS Call – **Mount Solon Volunteer Fire and Rescue**.
- Outstanding Contribution to EMS – **Bath County Community Hospital**.
- Outstanding Pre-Hospital Provider – **Paul Klein** of the Highland County Rescue Squad.
- Award for Excellence in EMS – **David E. Cullen, Jr.**, Executive Director of the Central Shenandoah EMS Council.

Each winner received a distinctive award and pin from CSEMS Board President Gary Critzer, Virginia Office of EMS Director Gary Brown 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 2007 award ceremony will be held next July and that nominations are now being accepted.

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.