

Congratulations to the 2018 Governor's EMS Award Winners!

By the virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

The Governor's EMS Award for Excellence in EMS Terrence J. McGregor



Terrence McGregor is currently serving as the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Senior EMS Program Head, but prior to that he led an extensive career in Virginia's EMS System.

Terrence has been an integral part of the EMS system in the Peninsulas region and in the Commonwealth for almost 20 years. He served numerous roles; working diligently to educate future EMS providers, effectively leading EMS agencies and serving as an advocate for the EMS community.

Terrence's career included serving as the Chief of Emergency Services for the county of Lancaster, overseeing all aspects of emergency prevention, planning, mitigation, response and recovery. He also worked as the Senior Training Specialist, assigned to Richmond Fire Training Academy at the Richmond Department of Fire and Emergency Services. In this capacity, he was responsible for developing training and maintaining certification for more than 400 EMS providers that worked for the department.

In addition, Terrence worked tirelessly to improve the EMS System on the regional and state level. He served on numerous committees during his tenure in both the Peninsulas and Old Dominion EMS Alliance region, including the Incident Stress Management Team and EMS Operations. At the state level, he also served on the Symposium Program Committee.

Terrence is an active advocate for the practice and education of EMS providers and volunteers for the communities in which he lives and works, contributing to the improvement of public health in those neighborhoods. His dedication to the profession is infectious, whether among his staff, students or peers and his example inspires others to strive to be better in the EMS field.

Terrence McGregor's contributions to Virginia's local, regional and state EMS system are exceptional and greatly valued by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Governor's EMS Award for Outstanding EMS Administrator

The Kent J. Weber Trophy

Daniel Norville



Daniel Norville has been a pillar in Virginia's EMS System for 44 years, serving in many capacities and roles. In 1974, he became a member of the Davis Corner Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and rose through the volunteer ranks, serving as Chief and Brigade Commander. In 1978, Dan began his career with the City of Norfolk and assisted in the development of Norfolk Fire-Rescue. After 22 years, Dan retired from active volunteer service, but he continues to serve as a Life Member.

Currently, Dan is a Battalion Chief, and is responsible for EMS response, quality assurance, compliance issues and providing administrative and operational guidance to supervisors and providers regarding fire, EMS, Haz-Mat and technical rescue operations.

In addition, Dan has been instrumental in providing assistance as a liaison for the Virginia EMS Symposium for the past 16 years. He resides on numerous committees at the regional and state level, providing support to

enhance EMS and patient care.

Daniel Norville's significant contributions to Virginia's local, regional and state EMS system are exceptional and greatly valued in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Governor's EMS Award for Physician with Outstanding Contribution to EMS

The Frank M. Yeiser Trophy

Edward Reed Smith, M.D.



As an Operational Medical Director, emergency physician and author, Dr. Reed Smith has served a key role in the innovative medical care in the Northern Virginia region. His groundbreaking work in Trauma Emergency Casualty Care and the Rescue Task Force has been emulated nationally and internationally.

Dr. Smith is a respected authority on many topics, including active shooter. His current focus is on a training program called, "Be the Help Until Help Arrives." It covers bleeding control, hypothermia prevention, simple airway techniques and providing mental health support. The program is gaining national attention as being the most thorough training program available to the bystander of a violent event. It has been through trainings such as these that Dr. Smith has helped to empower the average citizen to be the change needed most during critical situations.

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Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Governor’s EMS Award for Nurse with Outstanding Contribution to EMS
Sarah Beth Dinwiddie, R.N.



Sarah Beth Dinwiddie is committed to the health and well-being of her community and the Commonwealth, which has been evident through her work as a nurse, an educator and a first responder.

Her participation in the EMS field began in 1998, when she became actively involved in emergency services by serving as an agency training officer, a travel emergency room nurse and a clinical team leader for the emergency department at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital, where she currently works as the trauma outreach coordinator.

Sarah Beth exhibits great pride and enthusiasm in the work she does with the community, such as providing knowledge on wilderness emergency care, the “Stop the Bleed” campaign and other outreach services. In addition, she is an active participant on numerous local, regional and state committees.

Sarah Beth Dinwiddie’s significant contributions to Virginia’s EMS system are exceptional and greatly valued by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Governor’s EMS Award for Outstanding EMS Prehospital Educator
Jason Ferguson



For more than 25 years, Jason Ferguson has served a pivotal role in the EMS community and has helped shape the way providers have been educated in central Virginia. At the age of 16, he began his career as a volunteer with the Monelison Volunteer Rescue Squad.

In 2004, Jason was appointed Director of Public Safety Programs at Central Virginia Community College, where he oversees Administration of Justice, Emergency Medical Services and Fire Science Technology, as well as all courses offered through the American Heart Association.

In addition, he is a flight paramedic for Centra One, a member of the State EMS Advisory Board and a mentor who personally invests in each and every student’s success and abilities to be the best they can be.

Jason Ferguson’s significant contributions to Virginia’s local, regional and state EMS system are exceptional and greatly valued by the

Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Governor's EMS Award for Outstanding EMS Prehospital Provider Maxie Skeen



Throughout her extensive career in EMS, Maxie Skeen has demonstrated exceptional commitment and dedication to the EMS system, not only in the Southwest region, but also throughout the Commonwealth.

Maxie became an active member of the EMS community in 1966, and has volunteered with the Cleveland Rescue Squad for more than 52 years. She is certified as an EMT- Intermediate and runs calls almost daily.

Maxie is also dedicated to recruitment and mentoring, understanding that EMS providers must continually educate and raise the next generation. She can often be found at local schools performing EMS demonstrations for students and was instrumental in starting the agency's Junior Squad.

Maxie Skeen is a leader in the EMS community and has earned the respect of both her colleagues and the people she serves.

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The Governor's EMS Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS Health and Safety Chesterfield County Fire and EMS Peer Support Team



The Chesterfield County Fire and EMS Peer Support Team was originally created in 1989 as a Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Team, which was designed to address mental health conditions resulting from traumatic call responses.

In 2010, the team conducted a research study to address members' needs, which culminated in adopting the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation's Stress First Aid program. As a result, the Peer Support Team has since increased membership and has expanded services to other public safety groups including, retirees, chaplains, local police and sheriff's departments.

Since its inception, the peer support program has served as a key component to provide resources to EMS providers across all areas of public safety; helping to improve the health and well-being of the men and women who sacrifice each day to help others.

The Chesterfield County Fire and EMS Peer Support Team's significant contributions to Virginia's local, regional and state EMS system are exceptional and greatly valued in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Governor's EMS Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS for Children Kelli England Will



Kelli Will has spent much of her career focusing on pediatric health and injury prevention. She holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology with an emphasis in Clinical Health.

Kelli currently serves as a professor at Eastern Virginia Medical School, with an appointment to Pediatrics and a secondary appointment in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

She has been recognized throughout the Commonwealth and nationally for her “Boost ‘em Up” program and public service videos that focus on improving booster seat usage. Her passion for education and children’s health is shown through her many honors and dedication to the field.

Kelli England Will’s significant contributions to Virginia’s local, regional and state EMS system are exceptional and greatly appreciated by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Governor's EMS Award for Outstanding EMS Agency Newport News Fire Department



The Newport News Fire Department is a fire-based Advanced Life Support EMS System that provides traditional EMS services. All department employees are trained at a minimum level of Advanced EMT, with most providers at EMT-Intermediate or EMT-Paramedic.

Recent initiatives by the Newport News Fire Department includes an implementation of the Pulse Point Public CPR dispatch system in Newport News and their Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Healthcare pilot program.

In addition to providing quality care to those in need, the agency also takes pride in the services and support it offers to its members. The department provides gym memberships, helps those who choose to increase their

medical certifications and provides an active peer support team with full access to the regional Critical Incident Stress Management team.

Newport News Fire Department’s significant contributions to Virginia’s local, regional and state EMS system are exceptional and greatly valued by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Governor's EMS Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS Telecommunication

Mindy Secrest



Mindy Secrest has worked in public safety for Arlington County for the past 18 years and has an extensive amount of experience as a certified Emergency Medical Dispatcher.

She is a member of the Emergency Communication Center's Critical Incident Stress Management and Traumatic Exposure Recovery Program Team, and has participated in many interventions for Arlington personnel during potential crises.

She has also received numerous awards in correlation to her work as a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) member, including CIT Dispatcher of the Year for two consecutive years.

Mindy's dedication to public safety is shown through her continued efforts to enhance her knowledge, skills and abilities to better serve her community and to improve the public safety system.

Mindy Secrest's dedication and significant contributions to Virginia's local, regional and state EMS system are exceptional and greatly appreciated by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Governor's EMS Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS Emergency Preparedness and Response

The James A. Nogle, Jr. Trophy

Near Southwest Medical Reserve Corps



The Near Southwest Medical Reserve Corps (NSMRC) is a regional unit that covers five health districts in the large geographic area of Southwest Virginia. The unit consists of approximately 400 volunteers across 16 counties within seven cities that encompass its region and provide emergency preparedness and response support in a variety of settings.

Volunteers of NSMRC assist in community health events, training programs, influenza points of dispensing and many other programs to keep Virginia one of the most prepared states in the nation. Most notably, the NSMRC, working with Carilion Clinic, implemented "Stop the Bleed" programs and taught the skill to over 2,500 eighth and ninth grade students and community members in just over a year.

The NSMRC is dedicated to community preparedness and works aggressively to teach the public how to assist in emergent circumstances.

The Near Southwest Medical Reserve Corps' significant contributions to Virginia's local, regional and state EMS system are exceptional and greatly valued in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

An additional award is presented at the ceremony to recognize the outstanding contributions to EMS by a high school senior. This is a scholarship award presented by the State EMS Advisory Board.

The Governor's EMS Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS by a High School Senior
The Dr. Carol Gilbert \$5,000 Scholarship

Mikayla Cunney



For Mikayla Cunney, the best part about being an EMT is not only feeling as if she's making a difference in her community, but it is also the people she meets and the friends she makes along the way.

Mikayla discovered her passion for the medical field while she was enrolled in an EMT course in high school. Soon after, she soon began volunteering with the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad. For her, providing patients with the best possible prehospital emergency care is the most important aspect of EMS.

In addition to earning her National Registry certification, Mikayla was ranked one of the top students academically in her senior class and was also rated the number three tennis player in the state.

Mikayla is currently attending Virginia Commonwealth University, where she was accepted into the prestigious Guaranteed Admission

Program for Medicine.

Mikayla Cunney's contributions to Virginia's local, regional and state EMS system are exceptional and greatly valued by the Commonwealth of Virginia.