

Supervisory / Professional Standards

Awards and Honors

Boston EMS & Boston EMS Relief Association honors are divided into 2 categories: those awarded for valor and those awarded for merit. Honors also differ in the manner in which they are awarded: at an honors ceremony or immediately upon satisfaction of the criteria. For purposes of this document, descriptions will include the following notations:

V–Valor

M–Merit

C–Ceremony

I–Immediately

MEDAL OF HONOR [V, C]

Awarded to any member of the Service who distinguishes himself or herself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his or her life above and beyond the call of duty. The deed performed must have been one of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the individual above his or her comrades and must have involved risk of life. Incontestable proof of the performance of the service will be exacted and each recommendation for the award of this decoration will be considered on the standard of extraordinary merit.

MEDAL OF VALOR [V, C]

Awarded to any member of the Service who distinguishes himself or herself by extraordinary heroism not justifying the award of a Medal of Honor. The act or acts of heroism must have been so notable and involved risk of life so extraordinary as to set the individual apart from his or her comrades.

LIFESAVING MEDAL [V, C]

Awarded to members of the Service who are directly responsible for saving a human life through the professional application of life support in an unusual situation and under extreme or adverse conditions.

LEGION OF MERIT [M, C]

Awarded to any member of the Service who has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements. The performance must have been such as to merit recognition for service rendered in a clearly exceptional manner; service in the nature of a special requirement; or of an extremely difficult duty performed in an unprecedented and clearly exceptional manner. Performance of duties normal to the grade, branch, specialty or assignment and experience of an individual is not an adequate basis for this award.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL [M, C]

Awarded to any member of the Service for repeated acts of intelligent and valuable service; demonstration of unusual faithfulness and/or perseverance in patient care or performance of duties; or acts which demonstrate highly credible integrity and loyalty to the Service.

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL [M, C]

Awarded to any member of the Service for an act of intelligent and valuable service; demonstration of unusual faithfulness and/or perseverance in patient care or performance of duties; or an act that demonstrates highly credible integrity and loyalty to the Service.

DR. MICHAEL POZEN EMT/PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR AWARD [M, C]

Awarded to one Department EMT and Paramedic who distinguish themselves through the exemplary practice of emergency care, contributions to the advancement of EMS, and demonstrations of commitment. Such attributes are felt to carry the legacy of Dr. Michael Pozen, and his surviving family sponsors the awards named for him.

DAVID WILLIAM LASHMAN HUMANITARIAN AWARD [M, C]

Awarded to one Department EMT or Paramedic who best exemplifies the warm, humanitarian, and compassionate manner that David Lashman provided to each and every patient, every day. The Lashman family, in memory of David, sponsors this award.

CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT'S AWARD [M, C]

Awarded at the discretion of the EMS Chief to any Department member who shows outstanding dedication, or who distinguishes him or herself through outstanding actions or services.

EDWARD J. PIKE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD [M, C]

Awarded to any Department member who has demonstrated a commitment to community service. This award specifically is intended for a Department member who, through his or her own initiative, enhances the image of Boston Emergency Medical Services in the community.

UNIT CITATION [M, C]

Awarded to any group of Department members, who, *while working as a unit*, distinguish themselves through intelligent, extraordinary action in the line of duty.

DEPARTMENT CITATION [M, C]

Awarded to any Department member who distinguishes him or herself through intelligent, extraordinary action, either on or off duty.

SPECIAL CITATION [M, C]

Awarded to any person, including civilian or member of another Department or service, who distinguishes him or herself through intelligent, extraordinary actions that result in improving Emergency Medical Services, either during a specific incident, or through continuous contribution.

LT GEORGE CARTER MEMORIAL LEADERSHIP AWARD [M, C]

The Lieutenant George Carter Memorial Award for Leadership is awarded to a member of the Boston EMS Relief Association, who, through the years, consistently demonstrates good judgment and supervisory skill, displays compassion to patients, co-workers and others, and understands what needs to be done and does it, often with a sense of humor. The recipient has the courage of his or her convictions and serves as a mentor to anyone who seeks one. His or her advice and counsel is sought out by other members of the Department and is freely given, without thought of recompense. The recipient, in general, best exemplifies the character and quality of Lieutenant George Carter.

BOSTON EMS PRIDE AND PROFESSIONALISM AWARD {M, C}

(Committee)

Awarded to any member who promotes the Department beyond their shift, through dedication of volunteering at union and department sponsored events, acting as a patient care advocate and as a peer who has shown the true compassion of a Boston

EMS member. This is sponsored by the East Coast Training Academy, owner by James Scopa and Edmund Burke.

PRE-HOSPITAL SAVE MEDAL [M, I]

Awarded to uniformed members of the Service who have successfully resuscitated a patient found to be clinically dead prior to delivering the patient to Emergency Department staff.

CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION [M, I]

Awarded to any member of the Service whose performance of duty is noteworthy, but not to the degree that warrants recognition in the form of an EMS medal or award.

DEFINITIONS

gallantry n 1: the qualities of a hero or heroine; exceptional or heroic courage when facing danger (especially in battle); “he showed great heroism in battle”; “he received a medal for valor” [syn: [heroism](#), [valor](#), [valour](#), [valorousness](#), [valourousness](#), [valiance](#), [valiancy](#)] 2: courtesy towards women [syn: [chivalry](#), [politesse](#)] 3: polite attentiveness to women

intrepidity n: The quality or state of being intrepid; fearless bravery; courage; resoluteness; valor; “Sir Roger had acquitted himself of two or three sentences with a look of much business and great intrepidity. —Addison.” [Syn: Courage; heroism; bravery; fortitude; gallantry; valor].