NYSVARA SPECIAL AWARDS
Categories and Requirements

Requirements:
All nominees, except for certain categories, must have been an individual member of NYSVARA or belong to a member organization in good standing at the time of the act.
All nominees must have performed the act within the award period of June 1st thru May 31st of the previous year and the application must be submitted to the NYSVRARA Special Awards Committee at least 60 days prior to the annual convention.

Categories:

Meritorious Award:  To give recognition to an individual or group, for an act involving a degree of unavoidable danger to be characterized as Great Personal or Group Risk.

Unit Citation Award:  To give recognition to a crew or unit, involving an outstanding unit operation, dependant upon teamwork and cooperation.

Leadership Award:  To an individual who has performed an outstanding service along with initiative and leadership, to NYSVARA or to a Member Organization in good standing of NYSVARA.

Educator of Excellence:  To an individual who through outstanding teaching, publication, or research that has greatly improved pre-hospital services at the local, county regional or state level, having some particular impact on the volunteer non-profit EMS community. The nominee must be recognized by the NYS Department of Health as a certified instructor.

Rescue-EMS Person of Excellence:  To an individual member in good standing or a member of a member organization in good standing with NYSVARA who has provided an exceptional contribution(s) to the EMS field, through demonstrated dedication, professional behavior or special services over a period of years.
**Civilian Star of Life Award:** Presented to an individual for their acts of personal bravery or their initiative and capability in the saving of a life. To be presented to a non-member, non medical professional and not affiliated with an EMS agency.

**Youth Squad of Excellence:** To a Youth Squad of a member organization for performing outstanding services to their local squad, community or NYSVARA.

**Licensed Emergency Medical Care Provider of Excellence: (MD, DO, NP, PA):** To an the individual must be licensed in their title and shall be a contributor to the EMS community, show dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skills and insight to the pre-hospital setting, having a particular impact on one or more organizational members of NYSVARA.

**NEW AWARDS ADDED 2009**

**Youth Squad Member of Excellence:** To an individual member of a member organizations youth squad who has performed outstanding service to their local squad, community or NYSVARA while maintaining their school curriculum.

**Registered Nurse of Excellence:** To a New York State licensed Registered Professional Nurse, serving in the EMS System. To be eligible an individual must have made contributions to the EMS community and show dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skills and insight to the pre-hospital environment. Contribution must have some particular impact on or relation to the non-profit EMS sector including member organizations of NYSVARA.

**EMS Communications Specialist of Excellence:** To an individual who is employed or volunteer with an organized dispatch center in the State of New York and has shown dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skills and an insight to pre-hospital communications. Contribution must have some particular impact on or relationship to the non-profit EMS sector including member organizations of NYSVARA

Applications for Special Awards MUST be submitted by e-mail, fax or regular mail with a post mark no later then August 16, 2009 for consideration.
New York State Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Association
Special Awards Application

Candidate’s name: _________________________________________________________
Home mailing address: ______________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State:___________ Zip:________________
Phone Number: ___________________ E-mail Address___________________________

Credentials (certifications, etc.)
___ RN   ___ MD/DO/NP/PA    ___ EMT-I    ___EMT-CC    ___EMT-P   ___ CFR
___ EMT-D   ___ Instructor (level) ________________
EMT #: ____________________ Agency code: ________________
Other credentials: ___________________________________________

EMS Affiliation/ Organizations
Name of Organization: __________________________
Address of Organization: _____________________________________
City: __________________ State: New York  Zip: ____________
Role/ Title: ________________________________________________

Indicate the category for which the applicant is being nominated: (see awards description and criteria)
___ Meritorious Award       ___ Unit Citation Award         ___ Educator of Excellence
___ Youth Squad of Excellence       ___Youth Squad Member of Excellence
___Rescue- EMS Person of Excellence ___ EMS Communications Specialist of Excellence
___Leadership Award ___Civilian Star of Life Award ___ Registered Nurse of Excellence
___Licensed Emergency Medical Care Provider (MD, DO, NP, PA) of Excellence

REASON FOR NOMINATION
(DESCRIBE IN DETAIL WHY CANDIDATE SHOULD RECEIVE THIS AWARD, INCLUDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, PRESS ARTICLES, PHOTOS, Etc.)

Application should be typewritten/word processed (in a #12 Font) to be considered.
USE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM and ATTACH ALL DOCUMENTS TOGETHER.

Name of person submitting nomination: _________________________________________
Name of Agency submitting nomination: _________________________________________
Contact Phone number: _________________________________________

Applications must be postmarked no later than August 16, 2009.
Please return completed application to:
NYSVARA Special Awards Committee-Teri Hamilton, Chairperson
Post Office Box 254
East Schodack, New York 12063
CELL PHONE: (914) 262-6969 E-MAIL: TNYSEMT@aol.com

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF APPLICATION
DESCRIBE IN DETAIL WHY THIS NOMINEE SHOULD RECEIVE THIS AWARD

EMS Background:

Reason for award nomination:

Contribution to EMS and/or Impact on EMS:

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