

	Lower Providence Emergency Medical Service Standard Operating Guidelines	
	Subject: <i>Administration-</i> Member Recognition	SOG #100-013
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Description: Establishment of a program that will recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of the Members of Lower Providence Emergency Medical Service. This is a program that allows recognition from the organization for accomplishments that occur on a more regular basis. This will further instill the Mission, Values, and Vision of this organization.

Purpose: To establish a program to appropriately recognize members of Lower Providence Emergency Medical Service who perform acts of distinct bravery, successfully revive a cardiac arrest patient(s) with ROSC and positive release from hospital, deliver a child in the field, or provide exceptional service to the organization, community, or the public. This is in exception to the annual Volunteer, EMT, and Paramedic of the Year Awards.

Procedure:

Award Verification

A selection board comprised of the EMS Chief (or Deputy Chief if Chief is nominated), Executive Director, and an active member of the nominated members' classification, shall serve as the selection board. The selection board will be responsible to select those persons who are to receive an award, and to determine under which category they will be honored. This committee shall be appointed and convened on an as-needed basis.

Nomination Procedure

Any member of the Lower Providence Emergency Medical Service, Lower Providence Community Center, or Lower Providence Public Safety Entity may nominate a person(s) to receive an award. The nomination must be in a written statement which details the reason for the nomination. The nomination must be submitted to the Chief of Operations (Deputy Chief if Chief is nominated), who will then meet with the awards committee.

Award Criteria

- 1) Medal of Valor – the Medal of Valor may be awarded for a conspicuous Act of valor and heroism by a member of the organization who under Hazardous Conditions places themselves in a life-threatening position To save the life of another.
- 2) ROSC Life Saving Unit Citation – the ROSC Life Saving Unit Citation may be presented to a crew of the organization who in carrying out his or her assigned duties in an outstanding and superior manner successfully resuscitates a patient to the point they are able to leave the hospital.

- 3) Child Delivery- the Child Delivery Citation is presented to the crew that while carrying out his or her assigned duties delivers a child successfully in the field.
- 4) Unit Citation – the Unit Citation may be awarded to any group of two (2) or more members of the organization whose accomplishments are the result of teamwork rather than that of individual, and/or who are recognized for outstanding results during the course of completing their duties.

Award Decorations

1) Medal of Valor

- a) Gold valor medal on straight red ribbon to be placed on Class A uniform blazer, shall be presented to recipient at a Board of Directors Meeting, or Township Meeting or other ceremony as directed by Chief of Operations and President of the Board.
- b) White, Blue, White Commendation bar With Gold Valor in Center to be worn on Class A uniform blazer (If Applicable) or on dress uniform shirt.



- c) Medal of Valor Proclamation.

2) ROSC Life Saving Unit Citation

- a) Red, Blue, Red Commendation bar With Star of Life in Center to be worn on Class A uniform blazer (If Applicable) or on dress uniform shirt.



- b) ROSC Life Saving Unit Citation Proclamation

- 3) Child Delivery- Child Delivery Citation is a Blue or Pink Stork Pin depended on the delivered sex of the child.



4) Unit Citation

- a) Blue and yellow commendation bar to be worn on Class A uniform blazer (If Applicable) or on dress uniform shirt.



- b) Unit Citation Proclamation.

Duplicate Awards

A member of the organization, who receives duplicate awards, will not receive a second commendation bar. He or she will, however, receive a gold number to be placed on the commendation bar to symbolize that the member is a multiple winner of that award.



Display

Commendation bars are to be worn over the member's Left side above the badge. Medals are to be worn on the Right Side above the name tag; Commendation bars are to be worn in the following order.

1. Valor (Top Bar Centered above Badge)
2. ROSC Life Saver (2nd Row Left Side)
3. Unit Citation (2nd Row Right Side)
4. Years of Service Bar (Centered Above Badge)

