

Each year at the National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner in Washington, D.C., Congressional Fire Services Institute and the MedicAlert Foundation honor selected departments before 2,000 of our nation's leading fire and emergency services officials and preeminent federal officials in homeland security. Both CFSI and the MedicAlert Foundation are proudly committed to honoring the best in public safety and helping our nation's fire and emergency services continue its proud tradition of serving.

Fire Service-Based EMS responds to over 18 million emergency medical calls annually. Strategically located in local communities across the nation, Fire Service-Based EMS personnel are prepared for all emergencies, initiating care and treatment to victims at the scene. They assume a critical role in the continuum of emergency medical services, providing the first level of emergency care that often makes the difference between life and death.

To recognize outstanding contributions in Fire Service-Based EMS, the Congressional Fire Services Institute and the MedicAlert Foundation have established the "Excellence in Fire Service-Based EMS Awards Program." This program is intended to recognize fire departments that have made outstanding contributions to emergency medical services – departments that are looking toward the future at the growing need for pre-hospital emergency medical care and developing programs and practices that focus on responder safety, competent and compassionate response personnel and cost effective operations for those in need of emergency medical care.



CFSI

Established in 1989, the Congressional Fire Services Institute (CFSI) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan policy institute that works with Members of Congress in promoting fire and life safety issues.

Working with other national fire service organizations, the CFSI focuses its attention on issues that benefit all first responders. Members of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, the largest caucus in Congress, look to CFSI for guidance and information to enhance their level of understanding about the challenges and needs of our nation's fire and EMS communities. www.cfsi.org



MedicAlert Foundation

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EXCELLENCE IN
 FIRE
SERVICE-BASED
EMS AWARDS PROGRAM

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PURPOSE:

- To recognize best practices in EMS by fire departments in the United States.
- To highlight EMS best practices that will encourage other fire departments to consider similar practices for improving their Fire Service-Based EMS systems.

CRITERIA:

- Must be a volunteer, combination or career fire department that provides emergency medical services. Such services are initiated at the scene by highly trained and skilled fire service-based EMTs or paramedics who may or may not transport patients to the hospital. *Note: this award is intended to recognize the efforts of fire departments/fire service-based EMS organizations. Individual fire service personnel are not eligible.*
- The department must have implemented a unique practice that enhances the delivery of EMS in the community.
- The practice should positively affect firefighter and paramedic safety, the efficiency of resource deployment, and/or improve the delivery of Emergency Medical Services to residents of the community served.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Eligible applicants must submit an essay, not to exceed 1,500 words, describing the unique practice(s) they have developed to enhance EMS services within their departments. The essay must identify the following:

- **GOAL OF THE UNIQUE PRACTICE.** The applicant must clearly state the problem

or issue that prompted the department to develop the practice. Additionally, the applicant must state whether the problem or issue is unique to their department or common to other fire departments. The applicant should explain to what level (local, state, regional, or national) the problem affects other fire department EMS services.

- **PARTNERSHIPS AND COOPERATION.** The applicant must describe whether the unique practice was developed within the department or through a cooperative effort with other agencies or jurisdictions (hospitals, government officials, private sector, law enforcement, research centers, learning institutions or other fire departments).
- **IMPLEMENTATION.** The applicant must describe the process for implementing the unique practice. Additionally, the applicant must describe plans for review, enhancement and continued improvement of the practice.
- **MEASURABLE OUTCOMES.** The applicant should report measurable outcomes directly related to the unique practice that demonstrate how the practice positively affected firefighter and paramedic safety, the efficiency of resource deployment, and/or improved the delivery of Emergency Medical Services to residents of the community served (e.g. lives saved). Using quantifiable data where possible, the outcomes should clearly state whether the practice met the intended goals and whether EMS delivery in the fire department was enhanced.

RECOGNITION:

- Recipients of the 2014 Excellence in Fire Service-Based EMS Award will be honored at

the 26th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner held in Washington, D.C. on May 1, 2014 at the Washington Hilton and Towers. CFSI will pay reasonable expenses for one individual per organization to attend the dinner. These expenses include transportation, overnight accommodations for one night and seating at the dinner. All other costs will be the responsibility of the individuals.

- The award presentation will take place during the dinner program.
- Recognizing the important role of local government leaders in the development and execution of these best practices, CFSI and the MedicAlert Foundation will also conduct local events to honor the recipients and their elected officials.



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EXCELLENCE IN FIRE SERVICE-BASED EMS AWARDS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: Please use one application form for each organization you are recommending. Application, abstract and recommendations must be sent by March 7, 2014 to:

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