

Each year at the National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner in Washington, D.C., Congressional Fire Services Institute and the MedicAlert Foundation will 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

More than 50 years ago, MedicAlert Foundation pioneered the use of medical IDs and systems to relay vital medical information on behalf of its members to emergency responders to ensure faster and safer treatment. Today, MedicAlert provides the functionality of an e-health information exchange through an innovative combination of a unique patient identifier linked to a PHR and a live 24/7 emergency response service. MedicAlert medical IDs alert emergency personnel to a member's primary health conditions, medications or implanted devices. In addition to its 24-hour emergency response service, MedicAlert also provides family and caregiver notification so that members can be reunited with their loved ones. MedicAlert services are available around the world through a network of international nonprofit affiliated organizations licensed by the Foundation. www.medicalert.org

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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 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 some level of emergency medical services.
- 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 or the effectiveness with which EMS response and patient care are delivered.



SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN & MARY L. DEAN, MEDICALERT FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR, HONORING NORTHWEST FIRE/RESCUE DISTRICT AS THE 2011 CFSI/MEDICALERT AWARD RECIPIENT FOR BEST PRACTICES

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Eligible applicants must submit an essay, not to exceed 1,000 words, describing the best practices they have developed to enhance EMS services within their departments, focusing attention on the aforementioned criteria.
- The application process for the 2012 award will be open from January 1, 2012 through March 16, 2012.
- The applications will be reviewed and judged by a selection committee comprised of one member each from the International Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Fire Fighters, National Fire Protection Association and National Volunteer Fire Council; and the two Vice Chairs of the Fire Service-Based EMS Advocates. In addition, CFSI and the MedicAlert Foundation shall appoint ex-officio non-voting members. The selection committee will forward a list of departments they deem worthy of recognition to the CFSI Board of Directors and MedicAlert Foundation Chief Executive Officer for final selection.
- Based on the merits of the applications, awards will be presented to a minimum of one recipient each from a volunteer, combination and career department.
- By submitting an application, a department grants CFSI permission to share the information about the department's EMS program through various means (websites, electronic mail, newsletters, etc).

RECOGNITION:

- Recipients of the 2012 Excellence in Fire Service-Based EMS Award will be honored at the 24th Annual National Fire and Emergency Services Dinner held in Washington, D.C. on May 3, 2012 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 presentation will take place during the dinner program.

EXCELLENCE IN FIRE SERVICE-BASED EMS AWARDS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: Please use one application form for each candidate you are recommending. Application, abstract and recommendations should be sent to:

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