

EMS for Children Day May 19, 2021: EMS for Children Crew of the Year Nominations Underway



National EMS Week 2021 is May 16 thru May 22, and Wednesday, May 19, is set-aside for National Emergency Medical Services for Children day. National EMS Week is an annual celebration of the dedication and commitment of EMS providers all over the country making differences in the lives of millions of Americans every day. It also provides us with an opportunity to bring together EMS agencies and their local communities to focus attention on illness and injury prevention and raise awareness about issues important to the continued development and improvement of EMS and Trauma systems.

National EMS for Children Day places a spotlight on the delivery of high-quality emergency medical care for children, focusing on the unique needs of critically ill or injured pediatric patients and the challenges faced by EMS professionals in meeting those needs. Hundreds of communities around the nation are planning special events to honor the men and women who provide emergency care to our children and to raise awareness about safety and prevention and the ongoing need to improve and expand specialized care for children in the prehospital setting.

In honor of EMS for Children Day 2021, the Texas EMS for Children State Partnership is now accepting nominations for the 12th annual EMS for Children Crew of the Year Award. This award is granted to an EMS crew or station who has displayed outstanding care for a child in an emergency medical or trauma event, demonstrated exceptional effort in the development of pediatric training or quality improvement programs, or was instrumental in planning and conducting creative injury prevention programs.

The awards will be presented to the winning nomination during a ceremony on the National Emergency Medical Services for Children day on May 19, 2021. Recipients will receive, individual certificates of appreciation, and a plaque for their station or crew quarters recognizing them as champions in the emergency care for children in Texas.

Thank you for helping us recognize the men and women who go above and beyond to serve the children in our communities.

Sincerely,

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NOMINATION PROCESS

STEP 1: Submission of nomination

To submit a nomination for the EMS for Children (EMSC) Crew of the Year Award, please send the following information to EMSC Program Manager Sam Vance by the end of business **April 30, 2021**.

- (1) Names and titles of crew members
- (2) Agency or organization with contact information
- (3) A brief (500 words or less) description of the event or program and why you feel this crew deserves special honor and recognition
- (4) Your contact information (will not be disclosed without your permission)

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STEP 2: Review Timeline

- **May 3 – May 5:** The EMSC Advisory Committee reviews nominations.

STEP 3: Winner announcement

- **May 7:** Winner will be notified by email and publicly listed on the EMSC Texas website <https://www.bcm.edu/departments/pediatrics/sections-divisions-centers/emergency-medical-services-for-children>
- **May 19:** Certificates and plaques are presented to the winner(s).

If you have any questions, please contact Program Manager Sam Vance at 832-824-3672 or spvance@bcm.edu