



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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RE: Annual Emergency Service Awards Nominations

Dear Partner in Emergency Response;

The 2019 Annual Cook County Emergency Services Conference is approaching on April 26-27 and will again be held at the Cook County Community Center. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the conference! An important part of the conference is recognition of our many dedicated Emergency Services personnel. You can make a nomination of a deserving individual to any of the now four Emergency Services Awards categories. Please submit nominations for one or all the awards. Awards recognize the previous year of service, i.e. 2018 awards are presented at the 2019 conference.

Outstanding Emergency Service Provider

Please consider nominating a person from one of our emergency services (Volunteer Fire Departments, First Responder/EMS, Search & Rescue, who provided outstanding, notable service this past year or throughout their career.

And/or

The Dolly Johnson Friend of Emergency Service Award

This award was initiated in 2003, with Dolly as the first recipient. Dolly received the award in April but sadly passed away in June of 2003. She was a long-time Dispatcher serving Cook County for more than 25 years. Typically, this person is not a member of an emergency response unit but contributes to emergency response. This award continues to have special meaning for Dolly's family. I'd also like to note that 911 Dispatchers are very much a part of the front line of emergency response, so they can be nominated in any category.

And/or

NEW - Professional Meritorious Service Award

This is a new award this year that recognizes meritorious service of any of our career emergency professionals, i.e. Law Enforcement, hired Paramedics, Dispatch or other paid emergency response-related position who has gone above and beyond in their call of duty.

NEW – Exemplary Leadership Award

This is a new award recognizes exemplary leadership in Emergency Services and can recognize an individual who leads by example, outstanding Incident Command or departmental leadership that contributes to the success of an organization.

For your convenience, attached is a nomination form to return and please include a letter with your nomination describing why this person is deserving of the award.

Please share this among your memberships, colleagues and departments. Feel free to contact me any time, with any questions. Thank you for all you do and contribute to Cook County – our emergency responders are invaluable!

Sincerely,

Valerie Marasco

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Valerie Marasco".

Director – Office of Emergency Management & Public Information

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EMERGENCY SERVICES AWARD NOMINATION FORM

We would like to recognize the outstanding achievements of Emergency Services personnel in Cook County by presenting an award to someone who goes above and beyond what is expected of them in providing Emergency Services. If you feel there is someone who should be recognized as:

1. Cook County Outstanding Emergency Service Provider 2018

First Responder, EMT, Firefighter, Dispatcher, Search & Rescue, etc

Name of Nominee: _____ Is the nominee aware of the

nomination: Y/N

Service Department, if applicable: _____

And/or,

2. Dolly Johnson Friend of Emergency Services 2018

A citizen, response supporter, associate member or friend of emergency services, could be, but not necessarily affiliated with an emergency service, serve on a Department executive, relief association, department board or be someone who supports(ed) emergency response operations

Name of Nominee: _____ Is the nominee aware of the

nomination: Y/N

Service Department, if applicable: _____

3. NEW - Professional Meritorious Service Award

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Name of Nominee: _____ Is the nominee aware of the

nomination: Y/N

Service Department, if applicable: _____

4. NEW – Exemplary Leadership Award

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Name of Nominee: _____ Is the nominee aware of the

nomination: Y/N

Service Department, if applicable: _____

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Your Information as the Nominator:

Your Name:

Your Address:

Day-time Phone: _____ E-mail _____

Service Affiliation, if applicable:

Please return this nomination form and a letter explaining why this person deserves recognition and this award to Valerie Marasco, Director – Emergency Management, 143 Gunflint Trail, Grand Marais, MN, 55604, drop off at Cook County Law Enforcement office **by April 8, 2019**. Email Valerie.marasco@co.cook.mn.us or fax 218-387-3032.

Selection process: Recipients are selected by a selection panel which includes the Emergency Management Director, a member of 911 Dispatch, the Cook County Sheriff or designate, and a member of the MN State Patrol, and potentially an additional volunteer. With the exception of the Emergency Management Director, panelists may be rotated annually, and anyone nominated for an award may not participate on the selection process. The awards and selection process are coordinated by the Emergency Management Director. Nominations will be kept on file and considered in the next year's process if no nominations are received.

Awards will be presented during the Cook County Emergency Services Conference Banquet: April 27, 2019.

Awards History

<u>Year</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Friend of Emergency Services</u>	<u>Outstanding Emergency Service Provider</u>
2003	14 th	Dolly Johnson	Steve Duchien
2004	15 th	Dan Anderson	Fred Schmidt
2005	16 th	Harley Toftey	George Carlson
2006	17 th	David Beckwith	Darrell Smith
2007	18 th	Dr. John Wood	Darren Peck
2008	19 th	Leonard Quarles	Dan Baumann
2009	20 th	Dick Parker	Paul McFarlane
2010	21 st	Darcy Ziller	Laura Popkes
2011	22 nd	no nominations	Louise Trachta
2012	23 rd	Lindsay Mielke	Paul "Willie" Olin
2012	23 rd	Also career recognition awards to Darrell Smith and Dave Asproth	
2013	24 th	no nominations	Michael Valentini
2014	25 th	Judy Sivertson	David Gilmore
2015	26 th	Douglas Gale	no nominations
2016	27 th	Kelly Dahl	Phil Bonin
2017	28 th	Ben Petz	Sheila Costello
2018	29 th	Rose & John Schloot	Keck Melby

2018 - Outstanding Career Recognition also presented to former Emergency Manager Nancy Koss