EMS for Children Day May 20, 2020: EMS for Children Crew of the Year Nominations Underway



National EMS Week 2020 is May 17 thru May 23, and Wednesday, May 20, 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 2020, the Texas EMS for Children State Partnership is now accepting nominations for the **11th 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 20, 2019. 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,

Fatma Diouf Program Manager Texas EMSC State Partnership

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NOMINATION PROCESS

STEP 1: Submission of nomination

Nominations should be submitted online by April 10, 2020, via the following link:

https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/74d9a724d4e54ff19e19833039231d0e

The online form asks for the following information:

- (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)

STEP 2: Review Timeline

• April 13 – May 8: Nominations are reviewed by the EMSC Advisory Committee.

STEP 3: Winner announcement

- **May 11th**: Winner will be notified by email and publicly listed on the EMSC Texas website <u>www.bcm.edu/pediatrics/emsc</u>
- May 20nd: Certificates and plaques are presented to the winner(s).

If you have any questions, please contact the program manager at Fatma Diouf at 832-824-3672 or <u>fdiouf@bcm.edu</u>.