



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

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MEMORANDUM

July 14, 2011

To: West Virginia EMS Personnel and Agencies

From: Jerry Kyle, Division Director

RE: Samuel W. Channell Award for Excellence in EMS

Nominations are now being sought for the premier EMS honor given in West Virginia. This award, named in honor of Sam Channell, past Associate Director of the West Virginia Office of EMS, recognizes individuals who have made significant and measurable contributions to the betterment of EMS in West Virginia during their lifetime.

More information on the Sam Channell award, including criteria for nominees and directions for making nominations are contained in the attachment.

Nominations must be received by August 15, 2011.

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Samuel W Channell Memorial Award for Excellence in Emergency Medical Services

Purpose

The Samuel W. Channell Memorial Award recognizes individuals who, over their lifetime, have made significant and measureable contributions to the betterment of Emergency Medical Services in the State of West Virginia. It is the capstone achievement for EMS professionals in West Virginia.

History of the Award

Since its inception in 1988, the Samuel W. Channell Memorial Award has been bestowed upon nineteen individuals ranging from volunteer and career field EMS personnel to research physicians. This award pays tribute to recipients who possess the vision, commitment and passion for Emergency Medical Services akin to the award's namesake. It is an honor in itself to be a qualified nominee for this award.

About Sam Channell

Samuel W. Channell served as the Associate Director for the West Virginia Office of EMS for fourteen years. Sam was a nationally known EMS leader and innovator. His passion and vision shaped EMS as we know it today. Following his untimely death, the West Virginia EMS System established this award to honor individuals whose dedication and passion is reflective of Sam.

Sam was a memorable individual of great character. He was an honor graduate of the Washington and Lee College of Commerce and the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania. He was a husband, father, businessman, EMS administrator, consultant and a great friend to many. Sam was instrumental in seeking and securing federal and state legislation to establish and develop Emergency Medical Services systems throughout West Virginia and the nation. Sam, Doctor Fred Cooley and others established the Office of Emergency Medical Services within the Governor's Office in the mid 1970s. Sam insisted on developing a system that welded the major EMS components into a solid delivery network for the state.

Nomination Process

To nominate an individual for their lifetime contributions to West Virginia EMS, submit your nomination in narrative format as follows:

- Must be typewritten.
- Must have 1-inch margins.
- Must be at least one, but no more than two pages in length.

- Must include the name, mailing address, phone and email address of the person making the nomination.

Nominations must highlight proven accomplishments that have a long-term, positive impact within a community, region, state or the nation. Narratives should be complete and concise in describing accomplishments that distinguish the nominee in the EMS profession in West Virginia. Include ample information to make a clear and convincing case for the nominee, including supporting documentation. Such documentation may include newspaper articles, video footage, letters of commendation, awards or other appropriate proof of the individual's character and achievements.

Nominations will be evaluated by the Samuel W. Channell Memorial Award committee. Decisions of the committee are final.

Nominations are due by August 15, 2011.

Address nominations to:

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Presentation

All nominees will be recognized during West Virginia's Annual EMS Conference September 16, 2011. Presentation of the Samuel W. Channell Memorial Award may be made at the conference.

For additional information, please contact Carla Wisman at (304) 965-0573 or cwisman@wvemstsn.net.

