



PAC Awards of Excellence Program Call for Nominations - 2017

The Paramedic Association of Canada has developed an awards program to recognize exceptional Canadian paramedics and paramedic supporters at the national level. The inaugural award presentation will occur this August at the 2017 PACE conference in Quebec City. Four awards have been created;

- Paramedic of the Year
- Award of Excellence for Education and Training
- Award of Excellence for Innovation and Research
- Award of Excellence for Leadership and Community Building

The award descriptions and criteria are attached. They are open to all paramedics or paramedic supporters as outlined for each award. Each PAC chapter will forward one nomination to the PAC national awards committee for consideration.

Please consider nominating exceptional paramedics and paramedic allies by completing a nomination package and submitting it to your local PAC chapter. Nominations will be accepted until May 15th 2017.

Nomination Checklist

- Nomination form completed and signed by the nominator.
- ONE 500 word, paragraph style, description of why the nominee is worthy of consideration for the given award.
- TWO letters of support from persons other than the nominator supporting the nomination, not to exceed 2 pages each.
- Up to 3 pages (OPTIONAL) of bullet point or text table that outlines the nominee's paramedic career milestones. Education, publications, and awards may be included to support the nomination. Some consideration is made for the nominee's overall service record.

Please submit your nominations to your local PAC chapter by May 15, 2017.

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Paramedic Association of Canada – Paramedic of the Year

The Paramedic of the Year award recognizes a field active, frontline paramedic who has made a recent, considerable contribution to the paramedic profession. More specifically;

- Exceptional service that highlights and raises the profile of paramedics or paramedicine on a regional, national or international level.
- Exceptional service to the paramedic profession in Canada. Such as, advancing paramedic profession, enhancing paramedic wellness, promoting the legacy of Canadian paramedic history, or memory of past or fallen Canadian paramedics.
- Exceptional service of a paramedic during a major crisis or critical event of regional, national or international significance.

“Exceptional service” may include a wide range of activities, such as frontline incident response or coordination; public awareness and communication; advocacy and support to paramedic organizations; volunteer service to paramedic-related organizations, initiatives, or major projects; paramedic literature, film, or other media; and many other possibilities. It must be emphasized that the examples provided are intended for general guidance only, and are not meant to be limiting or prescriptive. The “exceptional service” can be made to any (or multiple) paramedic service organization, paramedic training institution, Canadian Forces unit, or any form of regional, national or international disaster, rescue or humanitarian organization, as long as the contribution represents both Canada and the paramedic profession.

The award is intended to recognize a recent contribution that was made within the last 2 years, but could include a long-term or ongoing project that was completed or reached a major milestone within the 2-year timeframe. While it is not a lifetime achievement award, the selection committee will consider supporting information that could help to emphasize the significance of the individual’s achievements. Due to the significance of this award title, should be awarded to a paramedic who has had an overall exemplary service record.

- The recipient can be full-time, part-time, volunteer, student or retired.
- The recipient must be a “paramedic,” as defined through educational and professional requirements within each chapter. (ie PCP, EMT, etc)
- The recipient does not need to be an active member of a PAC chapter.
- Although not intended as a memorial award, at the discretion of the PAC National Awards committee, posthumous nominations may be considered.

Paramedic Association of Canada - Award of Excellence for Education and Training

The Award of Excellence for Education and Training recognizes those who have made an outstanding contribution to training and education in the field of paramedicine. For example;

- Identifying and successfully addressing a long-standing training or educational need or deficiency.
- Consistently exceeding standards for the delivery and/or development of paramedic training programs.
- Establishing a new or innovative program or delivery model to enhance the delivery of paramedic education.

The nomination must highlight the special or exceptional quality of the training or educational initiative which makes the nominee a candidate for a PAC Program Award of Excellence. It must be emphasized that the examples provided are intended for general guidance only, and are not meant to be limiting or prescriptive. The “outstanding contribution” can be made to any (or multiple) paramedic service organization, paramedic training institution, Canadian Forces unit, or any form of regional, national, or international organization that contributes to the advancement of paramedicine or out-of-hospital care and has a connection with Canada and Canadian paramedicine. The selection committee will consider other paramedic achievements and supporting information that could help to emphasize the significance of the individual’s contribution to paramedicine. Due to the significance of this award title, it should be awarded to a paramedic educator who has had an overall exemplary service record.

- The recipient can be full-time, part-time, volunteer, or retired.
- The recipient must be involved in the education or training of “paramedics,” or other designated out-of-hospital medical care providers.
- The recipient does not need to be qualified paramedic.
- The recipient does not need to be an active member of a PAC chapter.
- Although not intended as a group award, at the discretion of the PAC National Awards committee, this may be awarded to a small group or team.
- Posthumous nominations are not accepted for this award.

Paramedic Association of Canada - Award of Excellence for Innovation and Research

An Award of Excellence for Innovation and Research should recognize those who have made an outstanding contribution in the field of research, innovation or have solved a problem or successfully leveraged an opportunity that has served to enhance the field of paramedicine, EMS systems, paramedic safety, or the expand the use of paramedics into non-traditional roles. "Research" may include the natural and applied sciences, social sciences, humanities, or a related discipline.

"Innovation" may involve technology or equipment, but may also include innovative approaches or techniques. Examples could include:

- Achieving excellence in the development of a new or an improved technology that promises to enhance paramedic practice, EMS response, safety, or the delivery of care by paramedics.
- Significantly contributing to the body of knowledge directly related to the field of paramedicine or out-of-hospital medical care.
- Collaborating nationally or internationally on a research initiative that may provide significant guidance to EMS, policies, or practices.
- Developing a practical model to overcome organizational barriers, and improve interoperability within EMS systems or allied responders.
- Successfully applying new technologies, or existing technologies in an innovative manner, to enhance the delivery of paramedicine.
- Implementing new practices or processes that have created a positive impact on paramedicine in Canada.
- Building or developing new system that utilizes paramedics into a non-traditional paramedic roles.

The nomination must highlight the special or exceptional quality of the research or of the innovation, which makes the nominee a candidate for a PAC Award of Excellence. It must be emphasized that the examples provided are intended for general guidance only, and are not meant to be limiting or prescriptive. The "outstanding contribution" can be made to any (or multiple) paramedic service organization, paramedic training institution, Canadian Forces unit, or any form of regional, national, or international organization related paramedicine or out-of-hospital care and has a connection with Canada and Canadian paramedicine. The selection committee will consider other paramedic achievements and supporting information that could help to emphasize the significance of the individual's contribution to paramedicine. Due to the significance of this award title, should be awarded to a person who has had an overall exemplary service record.

- The recipient can be full-time, part-time, volunteer, or retired.
- The recipient themselves do not need to be qualified paramedics.
- The recipient does not need to be an active member of a PAC chapter.
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Paramedic Association of Canada - Award of Excellence for Leadership and Community Builder

An Award for Leadership and Community Builder should recognize those who have distinguished themselves as leaders or outstanding advocates for the field of paramedicine; regionally, nationally, or internationally. For example, this may include, but may not necessarily be limited to:

- Exemplary management and the ability to motivate, resulting in significant enhancements within a paramedic focused unit, group, or organization.
- Displaying outstanding leadership during a major crisis or unexpected event.
- Advocating a change, or successfully implementing a new initiative or policy, which has resulted in the enhancement of paramedic practice or response.
- Inspiring or instilling a culture of excellence within the paramedic field, which has led to enhanced practice, safety and effectiveness.
- Achieving excellence in the development and delivery of health prevention programs, or similar initiatives aimed at promoting public safety and reducing the need for EMS services.
- Champions a cause that advances the profile of the paramedic profession through partnerships with other allied responders and organizations.
- Leadership that advances the use of paramedics in non-traditional roles.

The nomination must highlight the special or exceptional quality of the leadership exercised by the individual, which makes the nominee a candidate for a PAC Award of Excellence. It must be emphasized that the examples provided are intended for general guidance only, and are not meant to be limiting or prescriptive. The “outstanding contribution” can be made to any (or multiple) paramedic service organization, paramedic training institution, Canadian Forces unit, or any form of regional, national, or international organization related paramedicine or out-of-hospital care and has a connection with Canada and Canadian paramedicine. The selection committee will consider other paramedic achievements and supporting information that could help to emphasize the significance of the individual’s contribution to paramedicine. Due to the significance of this award title, should be awarded to a paramedic leader who has had an overall exemplary service record.

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Paramedic Association of Canada 2017 Awards Program Nomination Form

Award Category	
PAC Chapter	

Nominee info

Name		Credentials	
Street		Province	
City		Postal code	
Email		Phone	
Employer(s)			

Nominator info

Name		Credentials	
Street		Province	
City		Postal code	
Email		Phone	
Relationship to nominee			

Nominator, please read and sign below;

- Please keep this nomination private. Do not disclose this nomination with nominee to avoid disappointment.
- All documents should be submitted digitally. No documents will be returned. No original or irreplaceable documents should be included.
- Nomination documents that exceed the required requested size will not be reviewed by the PAC National Awards Committee
- The PAC National Awards Committee may conduct independent research into nominees, including but not limited to; internet research, media research, contacting employers and co-workers etc.
- To the best of your knowledge, the nominee has a work and profession record free of serious discipline, misconduct, or criminal convictions (or current criminal charges). As these awards recognize exceptional contribution to the paramedic profession, nominees should not have any history that may reflect negatively on the paramedic profession or the Paramedic Association of Canada.
- Any falsified information included in a nomination will result in removing the nominee from consideration.
- The PAC National Awards Committee reserves the right to choose not to present an award category, cancel an award at any time, including revocation of the award after presentation.

Nominator Signature		Date	
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