



Guidelines for EMS Recognition

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To be eligible for any honorary recognition from the EMS Commission under this policy, the recipient must not have any pending investigations or sanctions against his or her EMS certification or licensure.

Stork Award Recognition

- (a) Awarded by the State EMS Director, upon request, to EMS certified professionals that assist with a non-hospital delivery of a newborn as part of their EMS duties.

Certificate of Appreciation for years of service (issued at the person's certification level)-

- (a) Awarded by the State EMS Director, upon request, to a certified/licensed person has served EMS under any of the following:
 1. Anniversary recognition for 5, 10, 15, or other five-year increments of service.
 2. Expiration/lapse of certification or licensure or retirement of EMS certifications/licensures.
 3. Recognition at the time of death.

Retirement of an EMS Certification or License and Title Privilege

(a) Retirement of certification or license.

A currently certified EMR, EMT, AEMT or licensed paramedic may be eligible to retire his/her certificate or license upon submitting the following information to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security EMS Certifications Division:

1. The certificate holder or licensee must have held an Indiana EMS certification or licensure for a minimum of fifteen (15) years.
2. Completed the retirement form to be furnished by IDHS

(b) EMS Title Privilege.

Any EMS certified or licensed individual who has filed the required information for permanent retirement of his/her certification/license and received confirmation that the certification/license will be retired, as requested, shall be permitted to use the following appropriate title for the certification/license holder's level of certification/licensure at the time of retirement:

1. For emergency medical responder: EMR-Retired or EMR-Ret;
2. For emergency medical technicians: EMT-Retired or EMT-Ret;
3. For advanced emergency medical technician: AEMT-Retired, or AEMT-Ret; or,
4. For Paramedic: Paramedic-Retired or Paramedic-Ret.
5. For primary instructor: Primary Instructor-Retired or Primary Instructor-Ret.

Note: The date the retirement is approved will be reflected on the persons ACADIS portal account. Once a certification/license is retired it cannot be reinstated, even if it falls before an expiration period. To regain certification the retiree shall be required to obtain recertification through the normal required process already in place by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security EMS Certifications Division.

Emeritus (issued at the person's appropriate certification level) –

1. Awarded at the retirement or following the retirement or death of a certification/license holder (or former certification/license holder) to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to emergency medical services during his or her lifetime.
2. May be approved and awarded at the discretion of the EMS Commission or with the joint approval of the State EMS Director and the Chairperson of the EMS Commission

State EMS Director's award (issued at the person's appropriate certification level) –

1. Awarded at the discretion of the State EMS Director for individuals that have made positive significant contributions to EMS. Individuals may be EMS certified or licensed or non-certified persons that have impacted EMS.

Honorary 'Lifetime' certification/license –

1. Awarded to non-EMS certified/licensed individuals that engage in heroic conduct to assist an EMS patient or response.
2. Awarded to non-EMS certified/licensed individuals who have made EMS contributions above and beyond the call of duty, as requested by their organization and/or by the State. Can be issued at their retirement or upon their death.
3. Awarded to an EMS student that, while in good standing in the class, dies during the class before they are able to complete testing for certification.
4. May be approved and awarded at the discretion of the EMS Commission or with the joint approval of the State EMS Director and the Chairperson of the EMS Commission

Indiana EMS Star of Life Designation –

1. Awarded posthumously to an EMS certification/license holder who makes the ultimate sacrifice and dies in the line of duty.
2. This designation is automatic once IDHS and the State EMS Director confirm the EMS line of duty death. Once approved, a certificate designating the individual as an Indiana EMS Star of Life as well as a plaque award for the family.