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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### ***Awards Presented for Outstanding EMS Service***

Winchester, VA- On Wednesday, June 20, 2018; the Lord Fairfax EMS Council presented awards at its annual EMS recognition dinner and awards ceremony at Joe's Steakhouse in Front Royal, VA. Seven EMS providers and organizations were recognized for outstanding achievement and support of Emergency Medical Services within the region.

Tracey McLaurin, Executive Director of the Council stated that "we're so very honored to be able to recognize these selfless individuals, the very best of the best within our EMS region. There's true heroes walking among us here in the Northern Shenandoah Valley".

Award winners include the following:

- Award for Excellence in EMS- **J.D. Orndorff, Winchester Fire & Rescue Department**
  - As the most prominent and distinguished award provided within the EMS region, this award is presented to an EMS provider who exemplifies outstanding dedication and service to the statewide VA emergency medical services system and has demonstrated a commitment to a comprehensive, integrated system of emergency medical services throughout the Commonwealth of VA.
- Outstanding EMS Pre-Hospital Provider- **Dale Painter, Mt. Jackson Rescue & Fire Department**
- Nurse with Outstanding Contribution to EMS- **Lisa Wells, R.N; Winchester Medical Center**

- Regional EMS Council \$1,000 Scholarship Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS by a High School Senior- **Meghan A. LeCompte, Warren County Fire & Rescue Department**
- Outstanding EMS Physician- **Dr. Christopher Turnbull, Winchester Emergency Physicians**
- Outstanding EMS Agency- **Frederick County Fire & Rescue Department**
- Outstanding EMS Telecommunications Dispatcher- **Tammy DeHaven, ECC Specialist; City of Winchester**

All award winners will go on to compete with other winners across the state this fall for the Governor's EMS Awards. The winner of our scholarship will also have a chance to win an additional \$5,000 scholarship from the VA EMS Advisory Board.

The Lord Fairfax EMS Council serves the counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah, Warren, and the city of Winchester. The regional EMS Council is one of eleven across the state and is an integral part of Virginia's comprehensive EMS system. It serves to assess, identify, coordinate, plan, and implement an efficient and effective regional EMS delivery system in partnership with the Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services and the Governor's EMS Advisory Board.

For more information about the Council or the Regional awards program, contact Tracey McLaurin at (540) 665-0014.