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**WESTERN VIRGINIA EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL
RECOGNIZES EXCELLENCE IN EMS**

Roanoke, Va. – The Western Virginia Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc., proudly recognizes the outstanding service demonstrated by its Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers during the council’s annual regional awards recognition.

Recipients of this year’s regional awards compete for the 2020 Governor’s EMS Awards, which will be announced virtually in lieu of in person at the Virginia EMS Symposium’s Annual Awards Ceremony. Winners will be presented with a trophy and a certificate signed by the Governor.

The 2020 Western EMS Council Award Recipients:

- **Excellence in EMS** – Stephen Simon, Roanoke County Fire and Rescue
- **Outstanding EMS Physician (*The Dr. Cheryl B. Haas Award*)** – Hayley Rose-Inman, MD, MBA, Operational Medical Director for Carilion Clinic Patient Transportation – Med Trans, Roanoke County Fire and Rescue and Vinton First Aid Crew
- **Outstanding EMS Telecommunications Dispatcher** – Logan Underwood, NRV 911 Communications Center
- **Outstanding EMS Educator** – Melissa Brock, Roanoke Fire-EMS
- **Outstanding EMS Provider** – Jason Crouch, NRP, Roanoke Fire-EMS
- **Outstanding EMS Agency** – Gretna Fire & Rescue
- **Outstanding EMS Leadership** – Matt Rickman, Salem Fire & EMS

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- **Innovation Excellence Award** – Christiansburg Rescue *Innovative Programs*
- **Nurse with Outstanding Contribution to EMS** – Daniel Freeman, MSN, RN, Carilion Clinic
- **Outstanding Contribution to EMS Health & Safety** – Jonathan Smith, Putting a Dent in Mental Health
- **Outstanding Contribution to EMS Emergency Preparedness and Response** – Roanoke Fire-EMS, Emergency Management

Special Recognition (*Benny Summerlin Award for Service to Local Government*):

- Robert Logan - Executive Director, Western Virginia EMS Council