



COBB ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

And

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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To: Dr. Henry Burke Memorial Award Committee

Re: Nomination of Past Deputy EMS Chief Joellen Lawman

The Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department and EMS would like to nominate Past Deputy EMS Chief Joellen Lawman for this year's Dr. Henry Burke Memorial Award. Deputy EMS Chief Joellen Lawman joined the Cobb Island Volunteer Fire and EMS Department in 2003. Before joining the Fire Department she was a very active member and still is of the Cobb Island Volunteer Fire and EMS Department Auxiliary for over 50 years.

Deputy EMS Chief enrolled and successfully passed her Maryland EMT course in 2004. Since then she has been a very intricate part of our EMS division rising through the various ranks of EMS Officers achieving the top rank of Deputy EMS Chief.

Once she received her Maryland EMT card she has been one of our top EMS/EMT providers ensuring the calls were answered. She would respond to calls no matter the time of day or night. Deputy EMS Chief Lawman was nominated and awarded a Life Saving Award from the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association for her actions on August 10, 2016. Deputy EMS Chief Lawman along with a new EMT responded to a call chest pains. Upon arrival the patient went into cardiac arrest. Her swift thinking, she took over patient care and directed the new EMT what to do to achieve a life saved with effective CPR and use of an AED.

Deputy EMS Chief continues to serve as our departments QA/QI officer. She represents our department at the county QA/QI meetings ensuring the latest information is captured from the meetings and relayed back to our membership.

She has also served as a delegate for the Charles County Association of EMS and for Charles County AEMS Executive committee as well as the Charles County EMS Association for several years.

Deputy EMS Chief Lawman has been awarded our top EMS Award EMS Provider of the Year in 2014 and 2019 for her unselfishly devotion and outstanding leadership to the Cobb Island Volunteer Fire Department and EMS. During her years as an EMS officer she strived to ensure our EMS Division became better each and every year.

Deputy EMS Chief is the truest form and is an example for all of a devoted volunteer. She serves her department and community with with the upmost dignity and respect.

Please accept this as our nomination.

Sincerely,

William A. Lawman Jr.

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Fire Chief
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