



# Charles County Volunteer Rescue Squad

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**NOMINATION FOR  
CHARLES COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.  
DR. HENRY L. BURKE MEMORIAL SERVICE AWARD  
FOR SQUADSPERSON OF THE YEAR**

I respectfully nominate Benjamin Bates for the 2023 Dr. Henry Burke Memorial Service Award for Squadsperson of the Year. Ben is a member in good standing, and this nomination was approved by our Board of Directors.

Ben grew up in the inner city of Yorktown, Virginia. As a young boy he watched ambulances and fire engines race to save the lives of its citizens. This ignited a fire in him to join the service as an adult and make a difference. Throughout the years, he has in turn mentored many younger members and serves as a role model, while always striving to learn more, do better and accomplish more.

Ben was originally a member of Waldorf Volunteer Rescue Squad, and joined Charles County Volunteer Rescue Squad in November 2008 as a National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT), State of Maryland Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), and Basic Life Support (BLS) Instructor with the American Heart Association. Ben rose rapidly within our organization, becoming Captain, then Assistant EMS Chief, and ultimately accepting the elected role of EMS Chief in June 2023. He also currently serves as a delegate to the Charles County Fire and EMS Executive Committee, Charles County Association of Emergency Medical Services, Southern Maryland Volunteer Fireman's Association and Maryland State Fireman's Association. He has served on many committees over the years as well. His calm, level-headed, sensible, fair approach has been well-received by our membership. He has demonstrated his ongoing dedication to the well-being of our membership. He has received numerous awards for top runner and top driver with CCVRS over the years.

Ben is actively serving in the United States Air Force as a Master Sergeant, while also fulfilling his active status commitment with CCVRS. During his years of service, Ben has taken many continuing education courses, including Prehospital Trauma Life Support, Tactical Emergency Casualty Care, National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) Instructor, American Heart Association's Pediatric Advanced Life Support Instructor, American Red Cross' Advanced Life Support Instructor, National Fire Academy's Intermediate Incident Command Systems for Expanding Incidents for Operational First Responders, American Red Cross' Basic Life Support Instructor, and United States Air Force's Emergency Medical Service Instructor, in addition to many others.

Most recently, on his way home from his position at the Pentagon he was traveling through Waldorf. He came across a pedestrian accident, and once he sprang into action he realized the pedestrian was a six-year old boy who had been struck by a car. His actions that day were heroic and commendable. His knowledgeable presence and calming influence that day made both a difference in the young boy's life and a positive outcome. Ben also continues to make a difference in our station and in our community on a daily basis and we believe he would make an excellent choice for the 2023 Dr. Henry L. Burke Memorial Service Award for Squadsperson of the Year. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully nominated,

Sharon J. Garner, Secretary  
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