

The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution

Public Service & Heroism Awards

Nomination for (Please Select only one award per nominee):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EMS Commendation Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Safety Commendation Award |
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| Name of Nominee: Amy Anderson | |
| Rank or Title of Nominee: MIH Paramedic | |
| Agency: City of Schertz EMS | |
| City: Schertz | Point of Contact Mike Shown (210) 875-9578 |

Provide a brief description of the recipient's outstanding contribution(s) and/or accomplishment(s):

Amy Anderson currently serves the Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) Paramedic for the City of Schertz EMS. The MIH paramedic serves a different role than that of a "normal" field paramedic. The MIH paramedic works with patients that have different needs, which may include assistance with locating a primary care provider, calls 911 frequently or has special health care needs. In early 2023, Amy approached the EMS administration with an idea for a program called the Yellow Dot Program. This program can assist those with special health care needs during an emergency.

Upon enrollment into the program, a person with special health care needs, has a "yellow dot" decal placed on their vehicle. This decal alerts first responders to check the glove compartment for vital information on someone in the vehicle which can assist in assuring first responders provide proper medical treatment to the person. For example, a person with special needs is involved in a car accident, and is not able to communicate with first responders. The information contained in the packet will alert personnel to the special needs of the person, whether that is a medical condition, allergies to food or medications or a communication issue.

The program is free of charge, and is open to citizens of all ages with special health care needs that reside within Schertz EMS' response area, which includes eight different municipalities and portions of three different counties, which includes Comal, Guadalupe and Bexar.

After researching the program, which is available in other states, Amy created the program to meet the needs of our area, and successfully launched the program on April 2, 2023. Since the launch, there have been 44 people enroll into the program. Amy has also received numerous inquires from various local agencies interested in the program as well as some from out of the state.

Overall, the program provides reassurance to those who have special healthcare needs. When an emergency occurs, time is critical. First responders having vital information on a person is very important to ensure our citizens receive the appropriate care.

I sincerely and respectfully submit my nomination of Amy Anderson for the Sons of the American Revolution EMS Commendation Award.

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| Name of Nominee: Joaquin Montes | |
| Rank or Title of Nominee: Officer | |
| Agency: Schertz PD | |
| City: Schertz, TX | Point of Contact James W. Lowery, Jr., Chief of Police |

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Officer Joaquin Montes's performance this past year epitomizes the Vision of Excellence in Execution. Officer Montes has made good use of his bilingual skills & abilities on various calls for service. In one instance, he assisted another agency on a major accident that lasted over 8 hours because the victims were Spanish-speaking and no other Spanish-speaking officers were available. Officer Montes excels in his self-initiated activity and still handles his directed and dispatched calls for service without hesitation or reluctance. Officer Montes's work product has demonstrated Excellence in the Execution of all his assignments and contacts with community members. Recently, Officer Montes received accolades from the family of a deceased, missing man and showed extreme empathy and sympathy for the family and was acknowledged by Schertz Council Members and fellow officers alike.

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| Name of Nominee: Martin Trevino | |
| Rank or Title of Nominee: Sergeant | |
| Agency: Schertz PD | |
| City: Schertz, TX | Point of Contact James W. Lowery, Jr., Chief of Police |

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While assigned to the School Resource Officer section, Sergeant Martin Trevino has shown leadership, compassion, and commitment this past year. He has developed and maintained vital communication channels with School District leadership and the Police Department. Sgt Trevino's collaborative efforts have ensured the safety and well-being of thousands of School children in the Schertz-Cibolo area. He was successful in managing new statutory mandates regarding armed security at all school campuses under HB3. In addition, his ability to develop a great team was evidenced by the swift investigation and arrest of several suspects bent on harming others. This bold leadership style and his collective mentality ensure public safety. Sgt Trevino is diligent, has an eye for attention to detail, and is very customer oriented. He leads by example, uses systematic methods to accomplish any task assigned, and can clearly distinguish between low and high-priority activities. He frequently takes the initiative to address concerns before they become problems. He is open to constructive criticism and constantly seeks to build his skill level to the highest standards of professional excellence. He sets a professional benchmark in his performance because he has a powerful ethos based on morality and justice. He is very conscientious about his work product and does not accept mediocrity. Sgt Trevino is an essential contributor to the department's success by his consistent positive attitude toward his job and others and his ability to grasp and promote the chief's vision of the department.

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| Name of Nominee: Justin "Mitch" Weston | |
| Rank or Title of Nominee: Officer | |
| Agency: Schertz PD | |
| City: Schertz, TX | Point of Contact James W. Lowery, Jr., Chief of Police |

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Please see the following redacted statement submitted by Schertz EMS Battalion Chief Christopher Foerster:

I am writing to express my utmost gratitude for the exemplary actions and lifesaving efforts of Police Officer Weston, on May 2, 2023. Officer Weston responded to a Cardiac Arrest with Corporal McKenna at 3513 Irish Creek Rd in Schertz. Officer Weston arrived and immediately and without hesitation ran inside the residence and began administering CPR. I gathered my equipment from the vehicle to provide further care as we were on scene well ahead of my EMS unit and the Fire Department. Officer Weston, with quick and exceptional response in providing CPR undoubtedly contributed to our success in quickly regaining pulses, which occurred prior to the arrival of Medic 6.

Officer Weston demonstrated immense professionalism and skill as he promptly initiated CPR, followed proper protocols, and ensured the individual received the necessary chest compressions after moving the patient to the floor. This selfless act, performed under pressure, reflects Officer Weston's exceptional dedication to duty and their commitment to preserving life.

It is worth noting that Officer Weston's actions served as a vital bridge in sustaining the individual's life and allowed EMS to provide additional advanced care once the EMS unit arrived.

Officer Weston's dedication to service, quick decision-making skills, and proficiency in performing CPR undoubtedly played a pivotal role in the care of this patient. His actions reflect great credit upon himself, the Schertz Police Department, and the law enforcement profession. Officer Weston's unwavering commitment to public safety and his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty serves as an inspiration to fellow officers and the community they serve.

Considering these extraordinary actions, I strongly recommend Officer Weston for a commendation and recognition of his exceptional service. His demonstrated skills, professionalism, and dedication to preserving life are worthy of acknowledgment and serve as an example for others to follow.

Once again, I extend my deepest gratitude to Officer Weston for his heroic efforts and unwavering commitment to public safety. His actions exemplify the true spirit of service and reflect the highest ideals of law enforcement.