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2025 Edition

Celebrating Dynarex First Responder Caring Award Winners

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Our commitment to your success is what truly sets us apart in the marketplace.



Zalman Tenenbaum
Chief Executive Officer





Winner of the 2025 First Responder Caring Award

Jeremy Sonenschein

Jeremy Sonenschein has devoted more than 30 years to fire, EMS, and emergency management — building a career defined by education, leadership, and advocacy. He began his service at age 16 with the American Red Cross in Los Angeles, later serving as a Reserve Firefighter/EMT with the Los Angeles City Fire Department and as a paramedic with the Fire Department of New York, where he responded in the aftermath of 9/11 and deployed for disaster relief following Hurricane Katrina.

In 2007, Sonenschein developed a county-accredited fire and EMS training program at Francis Polytechnic High School in Sun Valley, California. The initiative gave at-risk students an opportunity to earn certification as emergency medical responders — opening doors to higher education and careers in healthcare. Over the years, he has trained thousands of future EMS professionals and first responders and continues to teach and consult with fire departments and EMS organizations nationwide, with a focus on advanced training and mental health awareness.

He serves as the Nevada Family Advisory Representative to the EMS for Children Advisory Committee, where he advocates for pediatric safety and injury prevention programs. His achievements have been recognized by the American Red Cross, the National Fire Protection Association, and the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians, which named him EMS Educator of the Year in 2018.



AWARD PRESENTATION

2025



HONORING OUR PAST WINNERS

For the past nine years, the Dynarex EMS Caring Award has recognized an EMS professional or agency that demonstrates exceptional caring through community service actions and/or programs designed to improve the health and safety of the communities they serve. This award honors and recognizes the entire EMS profession, and all EMS professionals who provide emergency care to their communities every day.

In the pages below, catch up with previous First Responder Caring Award winners to see where their inspiring journeys have taken them.



Thank you for your service!
From everyone at Dynarex Corporation



Winner of the 2024 First Responder Caring Award

Amy Strobach

Amy Strobach has been an integral part of the Clear Lake Area Ambulance Service in rural northwest Wisconsin since joining in 2011. Misty Wood, the service's Ambulance Director, highlighted Strobach's unwavering commitment to the community. "I began working alongside her in 2014 as her EMS partner and now as her director," said Wood. "[Amy] has become the program coordinator for the explorer program, working on recruiting future EMS professionals and assisting in their training and journey into EMS."

Strobach spearheaded a collaboration with the local school district to boost emergency training and first aid instruction for students, thereby expanding the first responder team. Over the past year, she has clocked more than 6,300 hours of call time, responding to 177 of 235 emergency calls. She also received a Lifesaver Award in 2023 for a vital CPR save.

"Not only is she an amazing person, but she is one amazing first responder," Wood continued. "This service has only been able to function as good as it has because of her dedication to her job and her love and passion for what she does."





Winner of the 2023 First Responder Caring Award

Jamie Gray

Jamie Gray, BS, AAS, NRP, TP-C, is EMS director for the state of Alabama in addition to running medical calls as a volunteer and serving as a volunteer firefighter for the last 25 years. He is a nationally registered paramedic and holds certification as a tactical paramedic through the International Board of Specialty Certifications.

“Mr. Gray demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to his community as well as to the general public,” according to his nominator Doug Roberts.

Gray is a member of the National Disaster Medical System as a deployable disaster medic, a volunteer member of a Law Enforcement Special Operations Unit Evacuation Team, and serves on the board of directors and acts as current chair of the South Region of the National Association of State EMS Officials. The Alabama Office of EMS is responsible for protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the state’s residents by assuring that emergency medical services provided by ambulance services, emergency medical response agencies, training entities, and emergency medical services personnel meet or exceed established standards.



Winner of the 2022 First Responder Caring Award

Lainey Volk

"I continue seeing community paramedicine patients. We have about 160 patients that are seen with some form of regularity, for medication management, wound care and safety checks....I also continue teaching numerous different courses for EMS and our community.

Every item I was able to find in our supplies that had a Dynarex label was photographed in use and sent your way previously. Our supplies person purchases from various companies and seeks the best pricing for the need...it seems we always have your hot and cold packs, but the sharps containers and vet wrap sort of items varies.

I cannot think of anything more rewarding than seeing a patient learn to live well in a new situation, such as a newly diagnosed illness or debilitating injury....some folks get reunited with family over such things...there are numerous single stories but not adequate time for writing this.

We train on most shifts and have on-line and in person training monthly and weekly. Both didactic and hands on."



Winner of the 2021 First Responder Caring Award

Derek Perez-Piris

"It was a privilege winning the FRCA from Dynarex two years ago. I continue working with the EMS and Fire Department on a daily basis. I have been working toward an officer's position over the past few years. Since being married I started a family with the arrival of my baby daughter last May, and most recently my wife and I are expecting another child in early June. I continue to be focused on my career in the fire department helping others.

I have been involved in running the "EMS Florida EMS" competition over the years where volunteers in our profession come together to help improve our skills as paramedics. Groups together from all over the country compete in different medical scenarios. We have always used many of Dynarex products, such as trauma dressings, creams, ointments, and gloves, as well many other emergency products. Our team was called "Team Meret" of St. Petersburg.

Every day on the job is rewarding to me when I can help others! I continue to be dedicated to the EMS and Fire service as my career. Each year I'm involved in Department related Continued Medical Education programs to improve my skill level and learn new things. I'm steadfast in providing public service – that's my greatest reward."

Winner of the 2020 First Responder Caring Award

Lacey Spencer

"We are a third-party municipal EMS Department that serves as the sole 911 provider for East Baton Rouge Parish. Last year we responded to approximately 70,000 calls. Our most recent initiative is to become a "Heartsafe Community" by partnering with local entities to provide Citizen CPR classes and facilitate public access to AEDs in our Parish.

"We utilize several Dynarex products such as Cold and Hot packs, 4x4 Gauze, 4" Roll Gauze and OB Kits. The quality and packaging of the products are exceptional".

After years of dedication, Lacey has left the EMS profession. We thank her for her service! The East Baton Rouge EMS department will continue to do great work in serving the public.

— Brad Harris
Public Information Officer
East Baton Rouge EMS





Winner of the 2019 First Responder Caring Award

Chris Lawrence

"I have since left Petersburg Fire Department and was recruited to an agency that is only 4 years old, in Charles City County VA, Charles City Fire & EMS (metro Richmond area).

I am responsible for the daily EMS operations for the county, serving as a part of the Emergency Management as well. We answer about 1500 calls a year since start up and that continues to increase. We obtained our ALS transport license in the last 14 months and trying to get our first Engine BLS licensed.

I am still teaching students and continue to promote the Tactical program with the same group for 10 years. We present at conferences and schools across the commonwealth states.

We are a rural department that was started because there was no county coverage due to lack of response from volunteers. Our first hiring process has begun, and we will be instructing a basic academy Fire and EMS for the county.

Additionally, the new fire station is being built from the ground up for the career staff which will improve community services. We purchase numerous EMS products through Dynarex and based on my experience I feel the quality and price is great."



Winner of the 2018 First Responder Caring Award

John Webster

"Since winning the award, my life has only gotten crazier. We are experiencing a great deal of growth in our County, which translates to expanding our training programs here for more employees. We are still very dedicated to the Stop The Bleed program, to the point of having taught it throughout the State, along with the C.R.A.S.E. program. I'm also responsible for developing new classes and recruit training.

We are continuously using Dynarex bandaging products in our S.T.B. classes for the students to use in the practical environment.

The rewarding part for me is when I have taught both Public Safety professionals and the public and I learned that the instruction they received actually made a difference in the outcome (i.e., wound packing and tourniquets).

To stay current, I must obtain multiple training hours in EMS, Fire, and Law Enforcement to stay licensed. When I have time, I like to go to the expos and seminars to keep up with the latest trends as well as learning about new equipment and procedures.

I try to stay as low key as possible. Nothing out of the ordinary other than the "attaboy" from the powers that be or from students who used the skills that I had taught them."



Winner of the 2018 First Responder Caring Award

Chris Judd

"Since winning the Dynarex First Responder Caring Award, our department has gone to being a part time department. I do still however volunteer on the back up ambulance some nights, we are growing pretty fast. It does makes it a little harder to keep up on the skills needed to be an AEMT.

Our department has bi-weekly trainings to help keep us up to date and in the loop with happenings in the EMS world. I still love helping people and being involved in the community.

I am thankful to have had the experience of being a recipient of the Dynarex First Responder Caring Award, it truly was an honor. The Dynarex team, were so kind and felt like family. Thank you once again for having such great products and helping support the EMS system."



Winner of the 2017 First Responder Caring Award

Julie Lahr

"I am now working with ZOLL Medical as a Senior Clinical Support Specialist. I train Fire/EMS departments on high performance CPR practices to improve patient outcomes.

My main focus in my current role is teaching high performance CPR practices. With that, I also have the opportunity to highlight the importance of provider resiliency. Mental health awareness and safety remains a topic close to my heart.

I work with the ZOLL Scientific Affairs team to stay up on the most current research. I continue to attend EMS conferences and keep up with my CE.

I received the JEMS 10 EMS innovator award for my work with the M&M pilot unit. This unit combined a mental health specialist and a paramedic in a unit that responded to behavioral health calls in the 911 system. I created expanded protocols that allowed for alternate transport destinations diverting patients from the Emergency Department.

I've always felt like family with Dynarex! Great products, great people!"

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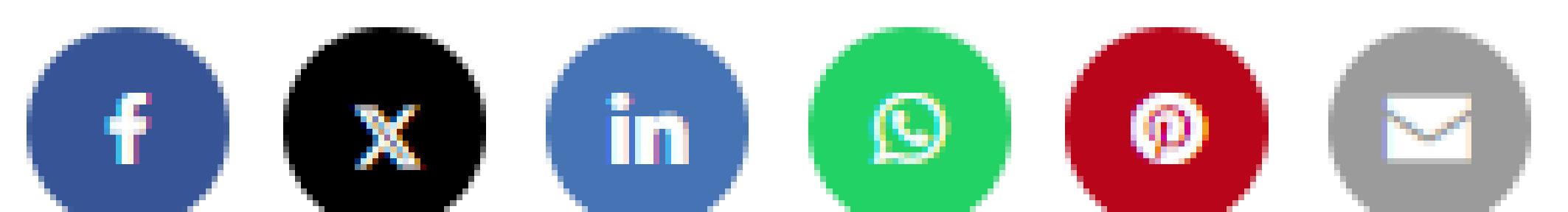
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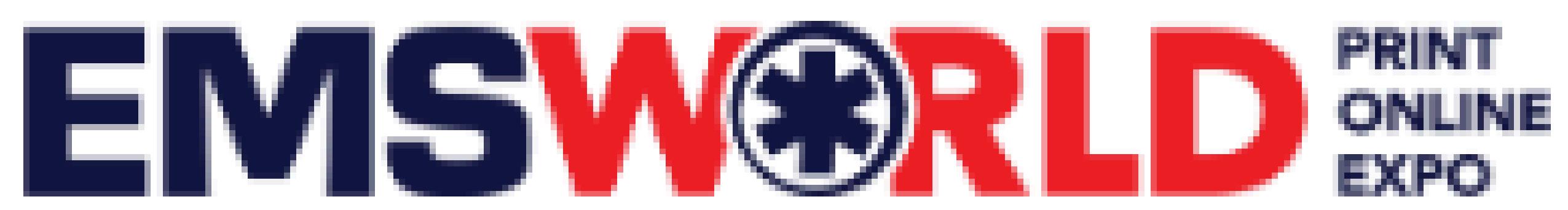
First Responder Caring Award Presented at EMS World Expo 2025 in Indianapolis

MONTVALE, N.J., Nov. 6, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- **Dynarex Corporation**, a premier provider of durable medical equipment and disposable medical products, is proud to honor EMS Captain Jeremy Sonenschein as the recipient of the 2025 **Dynarex EMS First Responder Caring Award** (FRCA). The award recognizes EMS professionals whose leadership, compassion, and service strengthen emergency medical care and their communities.

Shauna Winston, RRT, RCP, of Dynarex presented the award during the National EMS Awards of Excellence at EMS World Expo 2025 in Indianapolis. She praised Sonenschein for a lifetime of leadership and mentorship that has advanced the EMS profession. The ceremony gathered professionals from across the nation to celebrate excellence in emergency care.

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Jeremy Sonenschein
FRCA Recipient

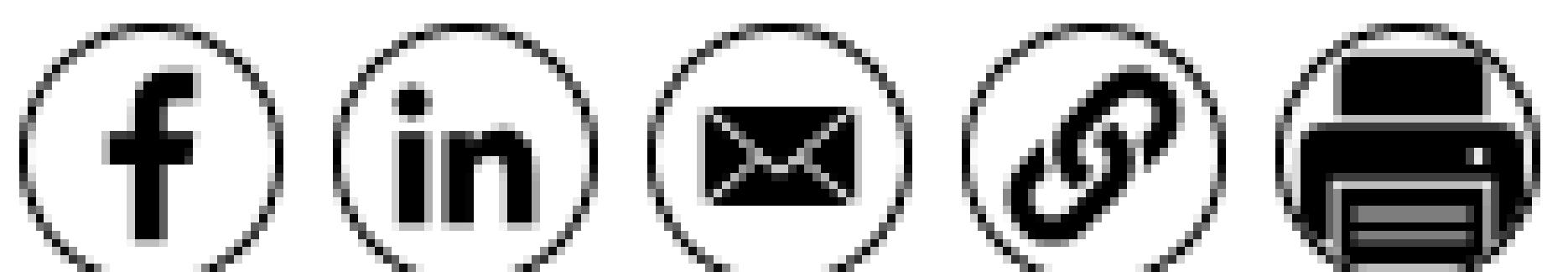


Shauna Winston, RTT, RTC
Category Manager, Dynarex

Live From Expo 2025: A Moment With First Responder Caring Award Winner, Jeremy Sonenschein

Kristin Carroll

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Related Article

Las Vegas EMS Captain Jeremy Sonenschein is the winner of the 2025 First Responder Caring Award, sponsored by Dynarex Corporation. He sits down with host Kristin Carroll to discuss his career, the award, and his personal motto, "training tomorrow's heroes today." Dynarex Respiratory Category Manager & Respiratory Therapist, Shauna Winston, also joins the show to share the award's background and about Dynarex's Resp-O2 product portfolio.

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