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Karen Dewar, Director of Emergency Medical Services, Awarded Harriet C. Weber EMS Leadership Award

Geneseo, NY —Livingston County is pleased to announce that Karen Dewar, Director of EMS for Livingston County, has been awarded the Harriet C. Weber EMS Leadership Award by the Monroe-Livingston Regional EMS Council. Karen was nominated for this award by Sam Tinelli, Supervising ALS Technician by submitting an application describing Ms. Dewar's achievements in the implementation of Livingston County's Community Paramedic program.

Criteria for this award include longevity, innovation/dedication, responsibility, and management skills in establishing, maintaining, promoting or expanding EMS organizations, agencies, committees at the community and/or state level. During Karen's 42 years in the local EMS community, she has exemplified all of these criteria and more from her start with the Geneseo Volunteer Ambulance to her current position as Director of Livingston County EMS (which she has been since 2011). In Mr. Tinelli's nomination he states, "Countless patients and residents of Livingston County have benefited from Karen Dewar's experience, care and compassion. Karen works tirelessly to ensure the best working conditions for her staff and is a compassionate and caring leader in the healthcare system."

Karen will be presented with her award at a special ceremony this Friday, March 29th at the STEP (Society for Total Emergency Programs) Conference in Rochester, NY. She stated, "I am very humbled by this award. Being involved in EMS is a lifelong passion. It is so important to not only give back to our communities, but to lead by example and encourage our youth to enter this worthy profession." As the winner of the regional award, Ms. Dewar's name will also be submitted as a candidate for the New York State Bureau of EMS State Awards.

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