

***Dear Texas NENA Members,***

The Texas-NENA Annual Conference is approaching quickly and that means it is time to submit nominations for two very special recognitions. The Laverne Hogan Award and the Ross Sherohman Memorial Education Scholarship are presented each year at the annual conference. **Deadline for nomination submissions is June 12, 2008 and they can be sent to Sonya Lopez Clauson at (713) 864-9911. For questions call Sonya at (713) 625-9911. Below is information on each of the awards.**

### **The Laverne Hogan Award**

The Laverne Hogan Award is to honor an individual who has shown extraordinary leadership in advancing 9-1-1 in Texas and recognizes a person whose name is synonymous with Texas and 9-1-1: Laverne Hogan, the first TX-NENA president and founding executive director of Greater Harris County 9-1-1 Emergency Network. This award recognizes a 9-1-1 Administrator who not only excelled in his or her everyday job but who has gone above and beyond to further the goals of the Texas Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (TXNENA), that person who not only consistently meets, but exceeds the expectations of their peers. For more information and to download the nomination form, go to the following link on the TX-NENA website: [http://www.texasnena.org/organization/Application\\_HoganAward.pdf](http://www.texasnena.org/organization/Application_HoganAward.pdf)

### **Ross Sherohman Memorial Education Scholarship**

J. Ross Sherohman first looked at any Public Safety matter with the eyes of a call taker and dispatcher. Having worked in Communications for Harris County Sheriff's Department, TX DPS, and the Nacogdoches County Sheriff's Department, he knew first hand of the need for training and education at agencies big and small. Ross worked with TCLEOSE to develop a call taker training curriculum which has evolved into today's state mandated 40 hours of training required of all call takers within their first year of employment. Ross was a passionate supporter of statewide 9-1-1 and a TX-NENA board member. This scholarship is established in his memory and dedicated to his mission of improving 9-1-1 through call taker training and support. For more information on the scholarship award and to download the nomination form, go to the following link at the TX-NENA website: [http://www.texasnena.org/organization/Application\\_SherohmanScholarship.pdf](http://www.texasnena.org/organization/Application_SherohmanScholarship.pdf)