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**Awards**

The North Carolina Mosquito & Vector Control Association Recognizes the outstanding

contributions of its members by conferring the following awards: Hamilton W. Stevens

Award and the William F. Strickhouser(formerly Golden Dipper) Awards.

**The Hamilton W. Stevens Award:**

Dr. Hamilton W. Stevens was a past president of the Association and a tireless advocate for mosquito control and public health. This award honors those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the organization its mission and objectives, following the high standards set by Dr. Stevens. The NCMVCA has been proud to select the following individuals for the Hamilton Stevens Award.

1986: Dr. Nolan Newton

1987: Jim Bryan

1988: Dr. Charles Apperson

1989: William F. Strickhouser

1990: Bobby Waters

1991: Mitchell Parker

1995: Dennis Salmen

1996: Pat Simmons

1997: Peter Connelly, Jeff Brown, Ken Sholar

1998: Rick Hickman

1999: Bruce Harrison

2000: Joe Strickhouser

2001: Dennis Salmen

2003: Jeff Brown

2004: Walker Rayburn, Jr.

2005: Jim Bryan

2006: Joe Andrews

2007: Parker Whitt

2008: Marcée Toliver

2011: Jeff Brown

2013: Tommy Bowen

2014: Dr. Jung Kim

2016: Robert Collins

2018: Dr. Brian Byrd, James Gardner

2020: Stephanie Richards

**William F. Strickhouser (formerly Golden Dipper) Award:**

Started in 2006, the Golden Dipper Award is conferred to the Vector Control Operator or

Technician that has demonstrated outstanding efforts during the year. Field personnel

are the backbone of the organization, and the recipients of the Golden Dipper Award are the cream of the crop! In 2009, the Golden Dipper Award was renamed to be the William F. Strickhouser Award. Mr. Strickhouser was a founding and honored member of this association throughout his life. Mr. Strickhouser started the first and only full service business serving mosquito control in North Carolina at the time, the William. F. Strickhouser Company. In this capacity, he was an asset to local mosquito control programs for many years, selling and maintaining many generations of equipment through the years. This included a variety of thermal foggers, Buffalo Turbine mister/dusters and ending with London Fog ULV spray equipment – some of the latter are still in use today! His impact on the local programs and their people has demonstrated the meaning of values and professionalism in the field of mosquito control. Recipients of the William F. Strickhouser Award are truly the ‘best of the best’!

2006: Sidney Wilkins

2008: Ryan Harrison and Neal Williams

2009: Joe Strickhouser and Jeff Wells

2012: John R. Faulkner

2018: Keith Studt, Octavius “OJ” James

2020: Neill Cagle, Nathan K. Godbey