

The American Legion Firefighter of the Year Award

Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ Be a citizen of the United States
- ✓ Be a living, certified, active, full-time, paid or volunteer, firefighter.
- ✓ Be assigned to, or fully recognized by, Municipal, County, District or State Fire Department.
- ✓ Does not need to be a veteran or member of The American Legion
- ✓ Reside and be assigned or attached for duty in the Department from which they are selected.
- ✓ Military police officers or investigators are not eligible for participation in this award.

Judging Criteria

Judges will be looking for a Law Enforcement Officer who:

- ★ is well-rounded
- ★ has exceeded, above and beyond, the duty requirements of his/her position
- ★ exemplifies the virtues of professionalism and dedication
- ★ demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service
- ★ proven his/her personal dedication to societal security and protection

Judging will be based on the following criteria, and maximum percentage points will be allocated as follows:

● Community Service	50 points
● Professional Career.....	25 points
● Heroism	20 points
● Letters of recognition, news clippings, and other substantiating Documentation.....	5 points

Application Criteria

- ❖ Cover Page/Application Form.
- ❖ Official 5"x7" photograph of the nominee.
- ❖ Copy of State or Federal certification as a law officer.
- ❖ Copies of pertinent training and education certificates.
- ❖ Letter of recommendation from his/her commanding officer or supervisor. This should also state that the firefighter, if selected for this award, will be available for its presentation at Department and/or National Convention.
- ❖ Letter of recommendation by a Post officer.

There should be no more than 6 pages of narrative (one-sided 8½"x11" bond paper) to include:

- ❖ Brief, yet complete, description of a specific act of heroism, meritorious performance or community service.
- ❖ Act(s) performed over and above the call of duty during the last few years.
- ❖ Act(s) demonstrating a distinct pattern of community service above and beyond assigned duty requirements.

There should be no more than 6 pages of support documentation (may be double sided) which should include:

- ❖ Press articles, citations and letters that support the narrative.
- ❖ Citations, letters and/or newspaper clippings from the officer's chain of command, city, county, state authorities, American Legion officials, citizens or civic groups as further evidence of community service, heroic and meritorious performance of duty by the nominee.

Mail original of all paperwork, **NO LATER THAN MAY 15TH**, to:

Randy Eck, Department Law & Order Chairman
10040 Bayshore Road, N Fort Myers, FL 33917-3729

Certificates of Commendation are available, free of charge, from Department Headquarters. To order call 800.393.3378x236

FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION COVER SHEET

Name _____ Sex _____

Home Address _____

City/ST/Zip _____

Phone number (_____) _____ - _____ Age _____

Marital Status _____ Spouse Name _____

Job Title _____ Yrs. of service _____

Agency name _____

Agency Director/Title _____

Nominee's Supervisor/Title _____

Agency Address _____

City/ST/Zip _____

Phone number (_____) _____ - _____

Post Submitting Nomination (number/location) _____

Post Law and Order Chairman _____

Address _____

City/ST/Zip _____

Phone number (_____) _____ - _____

Post Commander _____

Post Adjutant _____

DEADLINE: MAY 15th