

**NOMINATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

*Awards are given to one deserving individual in each category as determined by the Department’s Law & Order Committee that has performed above and beyond the call of duty.*

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| Post Submitting Nomination: |  | District: |  |

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| **Nominations Included with This Submission**  *Only one entry per category please* | | |
|  | **Law Officer of the Year** | |
|  |  | Awarded to any professionally paid police, sheriff, highway patrol, etc. |
|  | **Firefighter of the Year** | |
|  |  | Awarded to any professionally paid firefighter, volunteer firefighter, paramedic, EMT, EMS, etc. |
|  | **Civilian Life Saver of the Year** | |
|  |  | Awarded to any nonpaid or professional person who has saved a life |

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| **Eligibility Requirements**   1. American Legion Department of Ohio Nomination Form must be submitted 2. Please be sure to designate each nomination packet as either *Law Officer*, *Firefighter* or *Civilian Life Saver* nomination. 3. A color photo must be included with nomination 4. Each nominee’s submission should be **no more than eighteen (18), single-sided pages**. The nomination packet should include the individuals’ service narrative, supporting citations, media coverage, etc.   *Failure to adhere to submission criteria could result in disqualification.*  ***Additional Information for Civilian Life Saver Award***  The narrative for this nominee should include the contact information (names and addresses) of any individual or group of witnesses to the feat/incident. |

**Law Officer of the year Nominee Information:**

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| Name: |  |
| Title: |  |
| Address: |  |
| City/State/Zip |  |

**Firefighter of the year Nominee Information:**

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| Name: |  |
| Title: |  |
| Address: |  |
| City/State/Zip |  |

**Civilian Life Saver of the year Nominee Information:**

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| Name: |  |
| Title: |  |
| Address: |  |
| City/State/Zip |  |

*Nomination must be signed by the Post* ***AND*** *District Commander to be eligible for judging. All nomination materials must be received to Department Headquarters no later than April 1.*

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| Signature of Post Commander |  | Date |
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| Signature of District Commander |  | Date |



**Law & Order Awards Considerations**

The goal is to select a well-rounded nominee who has exceeded above and beyond the duty requested of their position.

Consideration for a posthumous award will only be given if the nominee’s death occurred after being selected and is within the dates for which the award is being presented.

The nominee (for police and fire) must be recommended by his or her Commanding Officer or supervisor in order to receive the award.

The breakdown for the judging point system is as follows:

Community Service 35 points

Professional Career 40 points

Heroism 20 points

Letters of Recognition, news clippings and other substantiating

Documentation 5 points

Citations for community service, heroism and meritorious performance of duty should be explained for the past year and may include previous years. Include citations and any supporting letters from the nominee’s chain of command as well as other documentation from city, county, state authorities and American Legion officials, citizens or civic groups as further evidence of community service, heroic and meritorious performance of duty by the nominee.