

Minnesota Fire Officer of the Year

Up to two awards can be presented each year; one for a fire officer serving a small city or township (2,000 population or less), and one additional award open to all fire officers.

Individuals who are eligible for nomination and selection as Fire Officer of the Year are limited to active officers of departments. Qualified individuals include; Chief, Assistant Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, Training Officer, Fire Marshal, etc.

Selection criteria will emphasize leadership, innovation, professional development, integrity, service to the public and contributions to the fire service as a whole. All of a nominee's fire service activities and accomplishments will be considered, but, because this is the Fire Officer of the Year award, special emphasis will be placed on the last three year period. A nominee's command role at a major emergency incident, while relevant, will not be enough to place that individual into contention for the award.

Nomination Process

Nominations may be only submitted through MSFCA Executive Director. The nominator is responsible for notifying their candidate and ensure that he/she is willing to participate in our final selection process.

Nomination Format

1. Official nomination form.
2. Current résumé detailing the candidate's involvement in the fire service.
3. Up to six other documents supporting the candidate's nomination, such as award citations, newspaper articles, or letters of recommendation from appropriate elected or appointed officials.

No politicking is permitted. The nomination form and supporting documents comprise the entire documentation for a candidate's nomination. Neither the nominee nor anyone representing him or her is to contact the awards committee member(s) once the nomination has been made and before the final selection has been made. Any violations of this will subject the nominee to disqualification.

Deadline

The deadline for nomination packages to be received at Executive Director's office is August 31st each year.

The Selection Process

The nomination packages will be reviewed by MSFCA Member Services Committee's appointed panel to select the winners. MSFCA reserves the right to omit an award. Winners will be announced and presentations made at the annual meeting of the MSFCA, and photos published in the November/December issue of the Minnesota Fire Chief Magazine.

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