

Tennessee Fire Chief's Association Fire Chief of the Year Award



Purpose

The purpose of this award is to recognize a Fire Chief who has provided unparalleled service to the Tennessee fire and emergency services and, in doing so, has greatly enhanced the visibility and awareness of the fire service profession. This award, the most important honor the Tennessee fire service can bestow upon one of its chief fire executives, was conceived to recognize truly outstanding fire chiefs whose acts and deeds in their profession and community serve as an example and challenge for all fire chiefs throughout Tennessee.

Eligibility Requirements

This award is open to any chief level officer of a recognized fire department in Tennessee. Nominations must be submitted on an official nomination form, available by mail or from the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association web site. The award period is for a calendar year, beginning on January 1, and ending on December 31 of the same year. Nominations must be postmarked by June 1, 2010 for calendar year 2009 award.

Selection

A selection committee will review and evaluate all nominations received. The selection committee will consist of the immediate three past presidents of the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association. If for some reason an immediate past president is unable to serve, the current president shall appoint a member, who shall be confirmed by the Board of Directors. The selection committee shall review the nominations based upon the criteria of leadership, innovation, and achievement in managing resources to reduce the loss of life and property from fire and other emergencies. Such programs may be in any area pertinent to the mission of the nominee's department. If the selection committee feels that no nominations meet these criteria, the committee may elect to defer the award for that year. This award is reserved for recognition only when such extraordinary and unusual circumstances so merit.

The Award

The award shall be presented at the banquet at the annual meeting of the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association. The award includes a commemorative plaque for the recipient, the inscription of the recipient's name on a permanent plaque of all award winners displayed at the Tennessee Fire and Codes Training Academy, and a \$500 grant to the recipient's department for fire safety or injury prevention materials.

**Nomination for the
Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association
Fire Chief of the Year Award**

Information on Nominee

Name of nominee: _____

Nominee's rank and position: _____

Name of nominee's department: _____

Nominee's department address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone numbers: Work _____ Home _____ Fax _____

e-mail address: _____

Nominee's total years in the fire service: _____ Total years in current position: _____

Information on Person Submitting the Nomination

Nomination submitted by: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone numbers: Work _____ Home _____ Fax _____

e-mail address: _____

Office Use Only: Date nomination received: _____ Received by: _____

Abstract

Use this section to describe the project or program in detail. Each question must be answered. Read each question carefully and be concise in your answers. Place particular emphasis on the innovative techniques or approaches used, the leadership skills demonstrated, and the successful outcome or results of the program. Be specific on how the results have benefitted the local fire department or community and of their actual or potential impact on the fire service in general. You may use separate sheets to reply, but answer all questions in sufficient detail to understand fully the relevant programs or actions.

1. Describe in detail the program(s) or action(s) the nomination is being made for. Examples: Fire prevention programs, fire safety education programs, public/private partnerships, campaigns promoting fire safety and/or the fire service, fire fighter safety and survival programs, significant programs of great benefit to a local community, or programs or actions that affect the fire service state-wide.

2. Describe the implementation of the program(s) or action(s) within the community or the state. Explain why they are of significant benefit, how they provide unparalleled service to the Tennessee fire and emergency services, and how they greatly enhance the visibility and awareness of the fire service profession.

3. Gives examples and/or documentation of the successful results of the program(s) or of the impact they have had, or will have, on fire and emergency services in Tennessee.

4. Describe the evaluation methods and results showing the impact and success of the program(s) or action(s).

5. Outline the status of the program(s) and or action(s) along with any future plans.