

STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S AWARD FOR HEROISM

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. This award is conferred to members of the general public and/or members of the fire service **who, at great personal risk to themselves**, are credited with **directly saving or attempting to save a life or lives** during an extreme fire or other emergency rescue situation. The award may be given to residents of any state for incidents occurring within the State of Ohio.
2. **The nominee must not have been a member of the same household of the victims, or in which the incident occurred.** The nominee may be a member of the career or volunteer fire, EMS, or law enforcement services in the State of Ohio at the time of the incident.

NOMINATIONS:

1. The individual must be nominated by one of the following:
 - a. Any legislator, mayor, city manager, county commissioner, or township trustee.
 - b. Any fire chief or chief officer of a career or volunteer fire department.
 - c. Any fire association organization of the State of Ohio with permission of the Fire Chief of the department of the person being nominated.
2. A nomination form is provided by State Fire Marshal's Office to serve as a cover and guideline for the submission of nominations. The nomination must include a narrative statement by the nominator, either on the form or attached to it, specifically explaining why the nominated individual is worthy of receiving the award. The nomination must also include adequate supporting documents to substantiate the lifesaving efforts and conditions under which they occurred. These should include the official fire report, supplemental fire reports and narratives, news articles, and information on any other awards or recognition for the incident. **The total nomination submission may not exceed 20 8-1/2 by 11 pages of material (single sided) or 10 pages back to back.**
3. All nominations should be typewritten.
4. All nominations should be forwarded to **Karen Bowman, Legislative & Communications Project Manager, Ohio Department of Commerce, 77 S. High Street, 23rd Floor, Columbus, OH, 43266-0544.**
5. **If the nomination is incomplete, not adequately substantiated, or illegible, it will be returned to the nominator for further information and resubmission.**

CONSIDERATION:

1. The State Fire Marshal and Chief Deputy Fire Marshal will serve as the selection committee for this award.
2. In making an award, the selection committee will carefully consider and evaluate the nomination and supporting documents. They must rely solely on the nomination and accompanying materials when making a decision. To this end, it is imperative that the nomination and supporting documentation clearly and adequately describe the severity and intensity of the fire or other incident, the specific dangers which the nominee faced and overcame, and just why this act of heroism was exceptional.
3. The Fire Marshal's Office shall determine the most appropriate manner in which the award is to be presented. The decision of the State Fire Marshal as to individuals deserving of the Award for Heroism is final.
4. General public recipients of the Award for Heroism **will be considered** for nomination for the Ohio Fire Service Citizen's Award. Fire service recipients **will be considered** for nomination for the Ohio Fire Service Valor Award.