

FIREFIGHTER AWARD PROGRAM 2016-2017

The goal of the Firefighter Award Program is to recognize those deserving individuals whose performance of their duties distinguishes them from all others. This honor is awarded to an individual, or team*, that actively fights fires as a member of any public or volunteer department organized to fight fires and give assistance to our nation's citizens.

Required Documents:

- Nomination letter containing the nominee's name, title, address, telephone and identifying the award for which the individual should be considered.
- One page resume of the nominee's overall background or team background.
- One page resume of the nominee's background in their field or team background.
- One page listing of the nominee's or team accomplishments and awards.
- Photograph (preferably a head shot) of the candidate (3x5 or 5x7). Team nominations should include a group photo.

Every community certainly has at least one "outstanding firefighter" who should be recognized. Each Post Commander is urged to direct his appointed Safety Chairman to find a nominee or name a Special Chairman to submit an "outstanding firefighter nominee." The Post Chairman is responsible for coordinating this program and selecting the Post's most worthy candidate or team. This individual would then be submitted to the District Chairman for judging. **The District then submits ONE winner to the State Chairman for final selection with the report form completed for all participating posts.**

The nominee selected as the department's "Outstanding Firefighter" will receive one plaque for their individual keeping and one to be presented at their place of business or work or where they desire to have the award presented to them. A team that is selected as our "Outstanding Firefighting Team" will receive two plaques, both to be presented at their place of business or work or where they desire to have the award presented to them. The Department Chair, one of the State Officers, or the District Commander will present the awards. This program can help post and district leadership qualify for All-State honors. Don't forget to have the cover sheets filled out with all information on sheet and photograph to be sent with cover sheet.

*NOTE: The program changed several years ago, allowing a team to be nominated, however, since the program is no longer a national program, the department will submit the highest scoring individual to be recognized as the Department of Kansas Firefighter of the year and receive a citation stating such, from the National Headquarters.

Program deadlines:

- Delivered to the Post – December 2, 2016
- Delivered to the District – December 16, 2016
- Delivered to the Department by January 5, 2017

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NOTE: Nominee packets must be received by January 5, 2017

**NOMINEE INFORMATION SHEET
FIREFIGHTER GOLD MEDAL AWARD**

NAME AND TITLE OF NOMINEE (Individual) _____

OR

NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT _____

TOWN, CITY, or COUNTY NAME _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

RESUME OF NOMINEE'S ENTIRE PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND (Individual)

FOR TEAM NOMINATION GIVE TEAM INFORMATION

RESUME OF NOMINEE'S PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND IN FIRE FIGHTING (Individual)

FOR TEAM NOMINATION GIVE TEAM INFORMATION

NOMINEE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AWARDS IN THE FIRE FIGHTING FIELD:

INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM

PHOTOGRAPH OF NOMINEE(S):

INDIVIDUAL OR TEAM

SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM, ALONG WITH ALL OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS
AND PHOTOGRAPH TO:

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SUBMITTING POST # and DISTRICT # _____

SIGNATURE OF DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON

OR DISTRICT COMMANDER _____

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