



The Firefighters' Medal of Merit

Introduction

On November 6th, 1983 the Fire Fighters' Association of Ontario, in conjunction with the Ontario Mutual insurance Association of Ontario, created the FFAO Medal of Merit.

The FFAO Medal of Merit, is the only recognition award that is governed by firefighters and awarded to firefighters by firefighter in Ontario.

The Firefighter's Medal of Merit is awarded to any firefighter in the province of Ontario for meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty.

The Medal of Merit is given out for an emergency event, where a firefighter or firefighters showed good judgement, and/or took a calculated risk to save a life.

Selection Committee

The selection committee may consist of two representatives of the F. F. A. O, two representatives of the Ontario Mutual Insurance Association, one representative of the Office of the Fire Marshal.

Nominations & Contents

A firefighter may be nominated by any person or organization in the Province of Ontario.
Provide the full name of applicant nominated

Letters of recommendation shall contain

- A complete description of the incident
- The date, time and place of the incident.
- A list of witnesses and parties involved.
- A description of the actions for which the recommendation letter is being submitted

Any nomination should, if possible be accompanied by pertinent supporting documents, such as

- incident reports
- diagrams of scene
- photographs
- media articles
- witness statement

In a case in which no witnesses may be found, or have come forward, proof beyond a reasonable doubt must be apparent in order for the selection committee to consider a nomination.

Selection Criteria

- Must be a full-time, part-time or volunteer firefighter in the province of Ontario.
- Have performed an outstanding act of meritorious service in the province of Ontario
- Degree of risk of the would-be rescuer will be taken into consideration.
- The persistence demonstrated by the would-be rescuer in the face of that risk.
- Were the actions taken while on-duty or off-duty
- An individual who recognizes the possibility of severe injury or even death, but acts nonetheless, displays bravery of a higher order than one who is unaware of the personal risk involved.
- Grave risk of injury, life threatening, putting life in jeopardy, degree of risk/hazard taken, was rescue reasonable, skill degree of rescue(s), age of victim, location, terrain, time of year/day, rescue aids, incident and location.
- Saving a life is not, by itself, the paramount consideration.

Nomination

I wish to place the following nomination before the selection committee of the Fire Fighters' Association of Ontario for the Medal of Merit.

Nominator Name: _____

Department: _____

Rank: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

The person I am nominating for the Medal of Merit is:

Nominee Name: _____

Department: _____

Rank: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Cell:** _____ **Fax:** _____

Email: _____

Nomination Checklist

Nominator Contact Information

Nominee Contact Information

Complete Description of Actions Taken

Date & Time of Incident

List of Witnesses (if attainable)

Witness Statements (if attainable)

Fire/ Police Incident Report (copy)

Photographs / Diagram (digital)

Media Articles (print or digital)

Return completed nomination form via email media@ffao.on.ca

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