

***THE  
NORTHERN KENTUCKY  
FIREFIGHTERS  
ASSOCIATION***

***ANNOUNCES THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
AWARDS BANQUET***

***SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018***

***LOCATION  
RECEPTIONS BANQUET AND CONFERENCE  
CENTER***

***1379 DONALDSON ROAD  
ERLANGER, KENTUCKY***

## CONSIDERATION

The act causing this nomination must have been on or between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017.

In making an award, the committee will carefully consider and evaluate the nomination and supporting documents. Recognizing the hazardous nature of the firefighter/EMT's work, and the risks taken by the men and women of the emergency service daily in the performance of their duty, it will be the goal of the committee to select from among the nominees, individuals who clearly went above and beyond the call of duty. In most instances, the committee members' knowledge of the incident is only through the nominating material. For this reason, it is imperative that the nomination and supporting documentation clearly and adequately describes the severity and intensity of the emergency incident, the specific dangers which the nominee faced and overcame, and just why this act was exceptional.

The names of the individuals selected will be forwarded to the Awards Committee no later than October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The decision of the committee is final.

Awards will be presented annually at an awards banquet hosted by the NKFA. Awards will be for the 12 month period each year beginning with October 1 and ending with September 30.

## **AWARDS AND NOMINATION PROCEDURE**

Nominations of potential recipients may be made by any member of the NKFA witnessing or having knowledge of an act or actions worthy of appropriate recognition. Nominations will be submitted on the awards nomination form, and must be signed by the nominating members of the Chief. In the event of the chief being nominated the next highest ranking officer shall sign the nomination form. **All acts must have been on or between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017.**

A nomination form is provided to serve as a guideline for the submission of nominations. The nomination must include a narrative statement by the nominator, either on the form or attached, specifically explaining why the nominated individual is deemed worthy. In incident(s) where more than one individual is deemed worthy to receive an award all names may be on one form but keep in consideration that not everyone on the scene of an incident is necessarily worthy of an award. The nomination should also include adequate supporting documents to substantiate the life-saving efforts and extreme conditions under which they occurred. These should include official reports, supplemental report and narratives, news articles and information on any other awards or recognition for the incident. The total nomination submission may not exceed twenty (20) 8 ½ x 11 pages of material single sided or ten (10) pages back to back.

The category that the nominee has been nominated for must be indicated on the nomination form page 1.

All nominations must be **typewritten** for clarity.

**All nominations must be received on or before October 27, 2017.** Nominations received after the deadline will be returned to the person making the nomination.

If, in the judgment of the committee, the nomination is incomplete, not adequately substantiated or illegible, it will be returned to the nominator for further information and resubmission. To receive additional consideration, it must be resubmitted by the submission deadline or within five (5) days of return.

# **NORTHERN KENTUCKY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION PROGRAM**

## **PROGRAM**

The purpose of the Northern Kentucky Firefighters Association Awards Program is to appropriately recognize persons of the association and the public who have contributed significantly to the Emergency Response service in the Northern Kentucky area through acts of bravery, extraordinary service, innovation, dedication and support.

The program is established and maintained with the greatest integrity, so that an award recipient is proud to display the award. Service awards will be scrutinized by the selection committee to ensure that all requirements for an award are fully met.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

An Award Selection Committee shall be appointed by the Awards Banquet Committee of the NKFA. The committee shall review all nominations and determine if an award or recognition is appropriate.

The Awards Selection Committee shall consist of 5 members with a fire service person serving in advisory capacity only to the committee.

The committee shall select a chairperson from within. A majority vote of committee members shall determine the committee's decision for each award.

The Awards Banquet shall meet annually or as often as deemed necessary by the chairperson.

# **NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

## **CONDITIONAL CRITERIA:**

To qualify for any of the below awards, the recipients must comply with the following criteria:

The recipients must have been acting within the law when the actions being recognized were performed.

Fire/EMS member must have been acting within the guidelines of applicable and acceptable safety practices, training and standards.

The actions must have been performed on or between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017.

These awards are not intended to condone any acts that are unsafe or otherwise unacceptable according to accepted practices.

## **MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD (CITIZENS AWARD)**

This award is conferred annually to one or more members of the general public, who at great personal risk to themselves, are credited with directly saving or attempting to save a life or lives during extreme fire or other emergency situation.

The nominee may not have been a member of the career or volunteer Fire/EMS or law enforcement services at the time of the incident. The incident shall have occurred in the year during which nominations are being taken.

# **CLASSIFICATION OF AWARDS AND CRITERIA**

## **AWARD OF HONOR**

The Award of Honor is the highest single or multiple form of recognition awarded to a fire service or EMS member. This award may be awarded to a member or members who have distinguished themselves by the performance of an act or acts of extraordinary heroism, at extreme personal risk. This recipient's action must have been substantially contributed to the saving or attempted saving of a human life.

The award shall consist of a medal and pin to be worn by the recipient(s) on the uniform and a wall plaque for the recipient(s).

## **MALTESE CROSS AWARD**

The Maltese Cross Award is awarded for any fire service or EMS member who, in the line of duty, and acting within the bounds of the law and his/her department's standard operating procedures and accepted practices suffered serious injury or death. Such injuries must have been life threatening or have caused a serious and lasting disfigurement or prolonged impairment or normal bodily functions. In the event of the posthumous presentation of the award, the award will be presented to the member's spouse or other choice of kin.

The award shall consist of a medal and pin to be appropriately displayed and wall plaque for the individual.

## **FIRE PREVENTION/EDUCATION AND SAFETY AWARD**

The Fire Prevention/Education and Safety Award may be presented to the individual member or members; or the department or organization whose dedication to fire prevention/education and safety is demonstrated by outstanding and innovative activities or program(s) that have significantly impacted the fire prevention/education and safety efforts for their community or the region overall. Evidence substantiating the fact that an action or program contributed to the saving of a life by knowledge of fire safety education procedures shall receive the highest consideration in the selection of recipients for this award.

The award shall consist of a wall plaque for the individual recipient.

### CHIEF OFFICER AWARD

One outstanding **active** Chief, Deputy Chief, District Chief, or Assistant Chief shall be selected for recognition of outstanding service, dedication, innovation or other acts or activities, which have contributed significantly to the fire service. Nomination for this award shall come from the rank of Firefighter through Captain, including EMTs.

The award shall consist of a wall plaque for the individual recipient.

### MONICA RATH EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AWARD

The EMS award may be presented to the individual EMS member or members who have demonstrated outstanding skills, actions, professionalism and/or dedication in the performance of his/her duties.

The awards shall consist of a pin to be worn by the recipient(s) on the uniform and a wall plaque for the recipient(s).

### FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

One outstanding **active** member shall be selected for recognition of outstanding service, dedication, innovation or other acts or activities **during the nominating period** which have contributed significantly to their department or the fire service. This person shall consist of Firefighter through Captain and must be an active member of said department.

The Firefighter award shall consist of a pin to be worn by the individual recipient on the uniform and a wall plaque for the recipient.

### JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER/EXPLORER AWARD

One outstanding, **active** Junior Firefighter/Explorer shall be selected for recognition of outstanding service, dedication, innovation or other acts or activities **during the nominating period** which have contributed significantly to their department's Junior Firefighter/Explorer program. This person shall be between the ages of 14 and 21 and must be an active Junior Firefighter/Explorer of said department.

The Junior Firefighter/Explorer award shall consist of a wall plaque for the recipient.

## FIRE SERVICE SUPPORT MEMBER AWARD

One outstanding member shall be selected for recognition of outstanding service, dedication, innovation or other acts or activities which have contributed significantly to their department or the fire service. This person shall consist of either a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, a social member of a fire department or a type of support member to the fire service. This person cannot be an active firefighter, medic and/or EMT.

This award shall consist of a wall plaque for the recipient.

## MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD (Citizen Award)

The Meritorious Service Award is presented to the members of the public or other agencies who have rendered outstanding service to the Fire/EMS community and whose actions have contributed significantly to saving a life, improving the community's awareness of fire safety or supported a Fire and/or EMS organization in a substantial way.

Nominations for this award shall be made by either members of a department or the citizen or citizens involved in the rescue.

The award shall consist of a wall clock with a Fire Service/EMS inscription or engraving.

## DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

One outstanding **active** dispatcher shall be selected for recognition of outstanding service to the Fire/EMS community. This person will be recognized for actions which have contributed significantly to saving a life or whose actions have supported a Fire and/or EMS organization in a substantial way.

This award shall consist of a wall plaque for the recipient.

## LARRY B. ATWELL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

One outstanding member shall be selected for recognition of outstanding service, dedication, innovation or other acts or activities which have contributed significantly to their department or the fire service.

This award shall consist of a wall plaque for the recipient.



## DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Department of the Year Award will be presented to one outstanding department for a rescue that demonstrated acts of heroism making a substantial impact in the outcome of an event.

Nominations for this award shall be made by either members of a department or the citizen(s) involved in the rescue.

Any one member of the crew participating in the rescue that can be distinguished from the rest for their actions significantly changing the outcome of the event may be eligible for submission in Liberty Mutual's National Awards and should be noted in the nomination.

The recipients of this award shall receive the Liberty Mutual Award and a pin to be worn by the nominated department members on the uniform.

**DISTINGUISHED  
FIRE & EMS SERVICE AWARDS  
NOMINATING FORM  
PAGE 1**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Committee, I am nominating \_\_\_\_\_  
for the following award (circle only one) for actions which occurred from October 1, 2016  
through September 30, 2017.

- Award of Honor
- Maltese Cross Award
- Fire Prevention/Education and Life Safety Award
- Chief Officer Award
- Monica Rath Emergency Medical Service Award
- Firefighter of the Year Award
- Junior Firefighter/Explorer Award
- Fire Service Support Member Award
- Meritorious Service Award (Citizen Award)
- Dispatcher of the Year Award
- Larry B. Atwell Lifetime Achievement Award
- Department of the Year Rescue Award, Liberty Mutual Award

Approximate years of active service: \_\_\_\_\_

The nominee is or has been a member of the following organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Offices held in these organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Special honors and awards: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list and explain major contributions the nominee has made to the fire service.

\_\_\_\_\_

Explain personal traits of the nominee, which you think qualify him/her.

\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* Use additional paper if needed for any of the above\*\*\*

## **NKFA AWARDS**

### **NOMINATING FORM- PAGE 2**

**PLEASE DETAIL THE ACT OR ACTIONS THE NOMINEE PERFORMED:  
(USE ADDITIONAL PAPER AS NEEDED)**

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Person or organization making nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESPONSES MAY BE MAILED ANY TIME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR  
MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE**

**October 27, 2017**

SEND RESPONSES TO:

KATIE BRYANT  
923 RIDGEVIEW DRIVE  
FLORENCE, KENTUCKY 41042  
[uk04katie@yahoo.com](mailto:uk04katie@yahoo.com)

## **TICKET INFORMATION**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**NKFA AWARDS BANQUET**

**\*\*\*INCLUDE TICKET NUMBER(S) ON CHECK\*\*\***

PLEASE SEND PAYMENT TO:

KATIE BRYANT  
923 RIDGEVIEW DRIVE  
FLORENCE, KENTUCKY 41042

**TICKET REQUEST MUST BE MADE BY JANUARY 10, 2018**

**ALL TICKETS RESERVED MUST BE PAID FOR**

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT  
TIM KLEIER @ 513-678-3272 OR KATIE BRYANT @ 859-991-1945