

Police Heritage Museum, Inc.
Law Enforcement Awards Program

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Introduction

Part of the mission of the Police Heritage Museum is to promote a better understanding between law enforcement officers and the citizens they serve by demonstrating the role officers play in their communities' history and growth.

By establishing this awards program, the Police Heritage Museum hopes to meet its' mission by promoting the public trust and support of local law enforcement agencies by showcasing the achievements of local law enforcement officers. In addition, we hope to shed light on the community member wearing a law enforcement uniform.

Awards

_____The following awards are offered by the Police Heritage Museum, Inc.:

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year - recognizes a well-rounded law enforcement officer who has exceeded the duty requirements expected of his/her position and has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service along with professional achievement.

_____ **Award of Valor** - recognizes local law enforcement officers for exceptional courage in a specific hazardous or life-threatening situation.

_____ **Citizen Award of Merit** - recognizes local citizens for actions taken at personal risk to prevent or stop the commission of a crime, assist or aid a law enforcement officer, or attempt to save or protect life and/or property.

Nominations

Only law enforcement officers that serve in a law enforcement agency operating in York County are eligible to be nominated. Officers from outside agencies that have served in York County *during calendar year 2009* (example: an officer from Harrisburg PD who performed undercover work in York County in 2009) are also eligible to be nominated.

Nominations for the Citizen Award of Merit shall be accepted recognizing citizens for an incident occurring within York County **during calendar year 2009.**

Nominations shall be accepted from the community, any law enforcement officer, agency or agency head.

To make a nomination, complete and return the nomination form. Nominations must be postmarked or received no later than **APRIL 5, 2010.**

Nominations received after the deadline WILL NOT be considered.

All nominating material shall become the property of the Police Heritage Museum, Inc. and will not be returned.

Information supplied with the nomination should include:

Narrative: In narrative form, state what makes this nominee a deserving candidate for the award. If appropriate, explain how the nominee's achievement or act had an impact on the community. *Narratives should be specific to the award.*

Supporting Documentation: In addition to the nomination form, attach any supporting documentation, including news clippings, etc.

Photo Requested: The Police Heritage Museum requests that a 5x7 or 8x10 photograph of the nominee, preferably in uniform, be submitted with the nomination, if available. Photograph will be used for promoting the award and for use on the museum's web site.

Digital photographs may be emailed to info@policeheritagemuseum.com

Please complete the nomination form in its entirety. The completed form, along with attachments, if any, shall be submitted to the awards committee and used to determine the recipient of the award.

Please see the nomination forms for criteria specific to each award.

Judging

A committee appointed by the Police Heritage Museum, Inc. will review all submissions and shall select recipient(s) from the nominations. The decision of the committee shall be final.

The information supplied with the nomination will be the only material used by the committee to determine eligibility. The committee may conduct additional investigation to verify or clarify information received.

The committee shall have the right to reject any submission that does not meet the established criteria, or submissions that are incomplete or inaccurate. Persons submitting nominations that are not awarded shall be notified in writing that their nomination has been rejected.

Final determination of eligibility shall be at the discretion of the Police Heritage Museum, Inc.

Presentation of Award

A public awards ceremony will be held at a place and time designated by the Police Heritage Museum, Inc. Award recipients will be notified in advance to attend. The Law Enforcement Officer of the Year recipient will not be announced in advance.

The awards ceremony is a televised event, and photographers will be present. Please contact the Police Heritage Museum in advance if officers are nominated that cannot be photographed, so alternate arrangements can be made.

Submit award nominations to:

**Police Heritage Museum, Inc.
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P.O. Box 1941 - York, PA 17405**