

The American Legion Department of Missouri

Fire Fighter/ EMT Award Nomination

1. Name of Nominee _____ Age _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Recommended by _____ Post No. _____
2. Present Position (i.e., Lieutenant, Captain, Fire Chief, etc.) How long as a Fire Fighter/ EMT?

3. List of previous experience: _____

4. Give a brief biographical sketch of nominee, including, but not limited to education, family, church affiliation (if any), fraternal or social organizations including youth groups worked with.
5. Just what, in your opinion, makes this nominee an outstanding Fire Fighter/ EMT?

6. List any honors or awards for outstanding work.

7. If this nominee is declared the winner, will he or she appear at our Department convention? Yes___ No___

8. Has the nominee’s superior been informed of this recommendation? Yes___ No___

Please attach hereto a letter of recommendation from the nominee’s superior.

9. If additional space is needed for further comments on anything pertaining to this nomination use the remaining space or attach additional sheets with comments.

Deadline February 7, 2027

Mail to Kenny Goth, Chairman
Law & Order and Public Safety
P.O. Box 179
Jefferson City, MO 65102

(Post Commander)

(Post Adjutant)

CAREER FIRE FIGHTER/ CAREER EMT
VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER /VOULUNTEER EMT ELIGIBILITY

ELIGIBILITY:

To be considered for this most prestigious award, all nominees must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a citizen of the United States of America.
2. Be a Career Fire Fighter or Career EMT, or a Volunteer Fire Fighter or Volunteer EMT, personnel, who swore an oath to protect the lives and property of the citizens of their respective jurisdiction.
3. Consideration for posthumous award is permissible only when the recipient has died subsequent to selection for the award and prior to its presentation.
4. Be assigned as a Career Fire Fighter or Career EMT, or a Volunteer Fire Fighter or Volunteer EMT, personnel, representing within the State of Missouri:
 - A Municipality (City)
 - County
 - State Fire Fighter
 - Private communities that have paid Fire Departments
 - Federal Fire Fighter
5. Reside and serve with in the State of Missouri.

Note: An individual can only be considered for one award and cannot be submitted under the guidelines for both career (paid) and volunteer services.

NOMINATIONS:

The following rules apply to all nominations for this most prestigious award. All candidates:

1. Must meet the guidelines spelled out in the beginning of the letter.
2. Period of **2026** Nominees service: January 1, **2025**-December 31, **2025**.
3. Must be nominated using the official form provided; copies of which can be obtained from the department website : www.missourilegion.org
Please contact Department at 1-800-846-9023
4. Nominations for a Career Fire Fighter or EMT must be accompanied with a copy of the nominee's certificate of graduation from an accredited fire academy, Should the volunteer Fire Fighter or EMT have a certificate, please include that also.
5. Must be recommended by his/ her commanding officer
6. Nomination Applications shall have the following: **(1)** a completed application form.
(2) A total of 12 pages of service documentation. The first 6 pages will be one-sided 8 ½ "x 11" bond paper and include press articles. (Specific acts of community service;heroism and meritorious performance recognized by his/her fire agency should be included and documented.) **(3) A 5x7 color photograph of the nominee in uniform must be submitted for packet to be considered.**
7. Nominations shall be submitted to their local post
8. All nominations shall be submitted with the official cover sheet as the top page of the application.

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Deadline February 6th, 2026

CAREER FIRE FIGHTER/ CAREER EMT **VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER /VOULUNTEER EMT ELIGIBILITY**

Judging Criteria:

Many Fire Fighters/ EMT personnel exemplify themselves with a single act of bravery or distinguishing event. However, Community Service will count significantly in the overall selection criteria and will make up fifty percent of the criteria for The American Legion Career Fire Fighters/ EMT's or Volunteer Fire Fighters/ EMT's awards. Volunteers also distinguish themselves by attaining additional training and studies (College) towards degrees and studies within their own Agency to advance in the Volunteer ranks of their agency.

Specific Act of Heroism or Meritorious Service (20 Points):

Citations for acts of heroism or meritorious service must be provided including a description of the act that was performed in detail, the medal or the award that the individual was recommended for and received. The award or citation must have been awarded within the time frame designated by the Standing Rules. Any supporting documentation such as newspaper accounts of the act or of the individual receiving the award, certificates and letters of recommendation and commendation should be submitted.

Community Service (50 Points):

Career Fire Fighters/ EMT's or Volunteer Fire Fighters/ EMT's personnel provide service to their communities as First Responders on a daily basis at their local Volunteer stations. These activities must be performed within the time frame set by the Standing Rules and must be described in detail and must be substantiated by official letters from their agency, community or county officials, citizens associations, American Legion Post or other recognized private or civic organizations.

Community service typically has been performed over an extended period of time. Those activities, in addition to those described above, should be described in detail and must be substantiated by an official letter from the city or county officials, Missouri State Officials, citizens associations, American Legion Posts, county, or district, or other officially recognized private or civic organizations. Supporting documentation such as awards, certificates, letters of recognition, letters of recommendation and commendation, and/or newspaper clippings must be included.

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Note: Any full time paid Fire Fighter/ EMT personnel that volunteers at a local Volunteer Fire Station and is being considered for The American Legion Career Fire Fighters/ EMT awards, under the guidelines of the full time personnel, cannot also be considered under the Volunteer Fire Fighter/ EMT guidelines and have two applications submitted.

Career Achievements (25 Points):

Many Fire Fighters/ EMT, Career or Volunteer, personnel excel in their careers over the years by continuing their education and training to better themselves in the performance of their daily duties. Education leading to a degree in fire service and promotions and specialized training to enhance their job performance is relevant and should be included. These achievements must be substantiated by official letters or other official documentation from the Agency he/she is a volunteer for, and should be included.

Committee Preference (5 Points):

The Committee will be given the option to award five points to the candidate that exhibits the best letters of recognition and news clippings and has the best overall record in their opinion.

Judges:

A panel of six committee members shall judge all entries. All entries shall be judge based upon criteria specified herein. A quorum shall constitute four committee members.