



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA



NOMINATION FORM  
FOR  
PENNSYLVANIA FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_ RANK \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

MARITAL STATUS \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FIREFIGHTERS AGE \_\_\_\_\_ LENGTH OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

CAREER \_\_\_\_\_ VOLUNTEER \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>ST</sup> RESPONDER \_\_\_\_\_ EMT \_\_\_\_\_ PARAMEDIC I \_\_\_\_\_ II \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL UNION \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

FIRE DEPARTMENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

FIRE CHIEF'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

STATION PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING NOMINATION \_\_\_\_\_

POST NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

POST ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

BE SURE TO ATTACH ALL SUPPORTING INFORMATION REQUESTED INCLUDING: BIOGRAPHY, DETAILED WORK HISTORY, CERTIFICATES EARNED, AWARDS RECEIVED, SPECIAL ACTS OF HEROISM, COPIES OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS (IF AVAILABLE) AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION. IF THE NOMINEE IS A VETERAN OF THE U.S. MILITARY, A COPY OF THEIR DD-214 OR HONORABLE DISCHARGE MUST BE INCLUDED.

RETURN TO:  
THE PA AMERICAN LEGION  
PO BOX 2324  
HARRISBURG, PA 17105

***DEADLINE DATE: JANUARY 4, 2025***

## PENNSYLVANIA FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be an active career or volunteer firefighter
- Reside or be assigned to duty at a fire station or fire company within the legal boundaries of the State of Pennsylvania
- Nominees do not need to be veterans
- Nominees do not have to be members of The American Legion
- Nominee selected should be available to accept this award at the Pennsylvania State Convention, held in July
- Active duty military firefighters do not qualify for this award
- Civilian firefighters employed on federal installations do qualify for this award

### APPLICATIONS

Applications should include the following:

1. A completed application form used as the cover page.
2. All pages will be one-sided, 8 ½" x11" bond paper to include the individual's service narrative.
3. Copies of supporting citations and other documentation to include press articles.
4. Letters of recommendations from immediate supervisor and the fire department chief.
5. Specific acts of community service, heroism and meritorious service recognized by his/her department.
6. Brief narrative of his/her off-duty community services.
7. A 5"x7" photograph (black & white or color) of the firefighter in uniform.

### JUDGING AND GUIDELINES

Guidelines will be based on the following criteria and maximum percentage points will be allocated as follows:

- **Community service – 50 points**
- **Professional career – 20 points**
- **Heroism – 20 points**
- **Letters of recognition, news clippings, etc. – 10 points**

Judges will consist of the Law & Order Committee of the Department of Pennsylvania American Legion. Their decision will be final.

The Firefighter of the Year will be invited to the Pennsylvania American Legion Department Convention, be housed in the Headquarters hotel (expense paid) and will be recognized during the Convention session and awarded a plaque honoring him/her and their profession. This winner will also be nominated for National Firefighter of the Year.