



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 _____ 1ST 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, 2026

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.