



SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

NOMINATION FOR THE JAMES B. MURPHY SOUTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Please review the information below, as it will outline the background and criteria for this award, and then complete the following information. This form must be completed and returned to the S. C. State Firefighters' Association, 111 Westpark Blvd., Columbia, SC 29210 by March 31. All nominations will be evaluated by the Subcommittee on Awards and submitted to the Executive Committee for selection. All awards will be presented at the annual conference.

James B. Murphy served as attorney for the South Carolina Firemen's Association from 1933 to 1937 and again from 1945 to 1961. During this time, Mr. Murphy became well known across the state for his dedication and hard work for the Association. In 1955 he proposed that the Association annually recognize a firefighter of the year for an outstanding achievement and he personally contributed money for the first award. To recognize Mr. Murphy for his idea and contribution, as well as his involvement in guiding the Association for many years, the Fiftieth Annual Convention voted unanimously to name the award in his honor.

This award is given annually to the one individual who best exemplifies the characteristic of a firefighter and who has an outstanding record of fire service achievements. These characteristics are not restricted to heroic action, but encompass all aspects of productive, dedicated and professional service, at local and state or regional levels.

If heroic action is one of the reasons that the individual is being nominated, the Subcommittee on Awards for the Executive Committee, must find no hard evidence that the individual was in violation of generally accepted safety standards at the time of the action. Such standards include, but are not limited to, abstinence from the influence of alcohol or drugs, the use of applicable protective equipment such as protective clothing and breathing apparatus, and adherence to accepted operating procedures, where these criteria were applicable at the time of the action.

THE NOMINEE MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA.

CHARACTER:

The individual demonstrates the highest order of character. Including traits of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, and citizenship. This individual is honest, loyal, and reliable. He/she is considerate of others. The individual uses self-control, thinking before he/she acts, and owning the consequences of their actions.

DEDICATION:

He/She has demonstrated the highest degree of dedication, participation, and contributions within his/her fire department and to the fire service at a state or regional level, including training, fire response, public education and other fire service operations.

LOYALTY:

The individual has demonstrated an allegiance to his/her fire department, and/or the state fire service, and to its' firefighters. Is steadfast, striving to achieve or improve upon the goals of the fire service, engaging only in solution-driven constructive criticism, that will lead to improvements in the service.

PRODUCTIVITY/PROFESSIONALISM:

Performs their duties in a manner that exemplifies the competency that all firefighters should strive to achieve and which reflects the highest standards of the fire service. Regularly demonstrates the desire to reduce fire losses and to improve fire protection in his/her community and the state.

The James B. Murphy South Carolina Firefighter of the Year Award is the Association's premier award. Individuals selected must be of the highest quality.

NOTE: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT NOT TO PRESENT THIS AWARD IF NOMINATIONS DO NOT MEET ALL THE CRITERIA.

NOMINEE:

NAME: _____

RANK OR POSITION: _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION? YES _____ NO _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT: _____

DEPARTMENT'S ADDRESS _____

DEPARTMENT'S PHONE NUMBER _____

PERSON MAKING NOMINATION:

NAME _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT: _____

DEPARTMENT'S ADDRESS _____

DEPARTMENT'S PHONE NUMBER _____

HOME PHONE _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION?

YES _____ NO _____

(Must be an Association member to make nomination)

FIRE SERVICE EXPERIENCE:

List the nominee's fire service experience including length of service, departments in which he/she has served and positions held.

EDUCATION:

Provide a summary of the nominee's formal educational and fire service training achievements.

REASON FOR NOMINATION:

Provide a narrative describing why you believe the individual is worthy of this award. Be sure to include examples of the individual's dedication, loyalty, productivity, and professionalism as described in this document. Special achievements are of particular importance. You may attach supporting materials.

BACKGROUND:

Is the nominee free of characteristics that would discredit the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association, such as a criminal history? YES _____ NO _____

If "NO" please explain why you feel that the nominee should be considered.

REFERENCES:

List the names and telephone numbers of individuals who can serve as references to this nomination.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS _____

OCCUPATION _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE NOMINEE? _____

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HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE NOMINEE? _____

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES:

I certify that the facts set forth above are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAKING NOMINATION

DATE

SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE'S CHIEF (HIS/HER DESIGNEE),
OR, AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER.

DATE