

AWARDS CRITERIA

THE RICHARD W. SCHALLER AWARD

The Awards Committee determined that the Schaller Award should maintain its prestige as the premier award for CLEOs. To that end it was proposed that nominations would be evaluated with the following criteria in mind:

Exemplary service to community and agency. The nominee's agency is well regarded by the law enforcement community. The nominee is active and respected in their community.

Exemplary service to the MCPA. The nominee has been active in the association. This could include holding office on the board, serving on committees or otherwise volunteering for the betterment of the profession.

State-wide impact. The nominee, through his/her accomplishments has had a state-wide impact on the profession. His/her name should be recognized (positively) by law enforcement professionals throughout the state. The Awards Committee will present to the MCPA Board of Directors for their approval the potential candidates for this award.

POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association has again established the Police Officer of the Year Award. This award is given in recognition of an outstanding Minnesota Police Officer. The award will not be given every year but will only be given when criteria has been met. The officer receiving this award will be chosen by the Awards Committee from those officers that have been nominated by their CLEO for a Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Award or Meritorious Service Certificate. The actions of the officer must be such as to clearly distinguish them above all others to be recognized as the Police Officer of the Year. This award will be presented at the annual Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association Executive Training Institute. This award must be CLEO nominated. The criteria for the Police Officer of the Year is as follows:

The award is given to the most outstanding police officer as determined by the Awards Committee. The Officer of the Year will receive a plaque, for his department, a medal and commendation bar.

All sworn full-time officers licensed by the State of Minnesota are eligible for consideration of this award. The following criteria may be considered in determining the award, although all of these criteria do not have to be met.

VALOR – The persistent and continued application to duty after having been injured or wounded so as to complete an assigned task, rescue, of unexpected challenge, i.e., the giving of one's life in the performance of duty.

HONOR – Conscious of danger, the police officer distinguishes himself/herself by the outstanding performance of an act of gallantry and valor at imminent personal hazard to life above and beyond the call of duty.

PERSISTENCE – The demonstration of initiative and/or courage in dangerous or emergency conditions which results in successful resolution of the situation, i.e., the performance of an act under conditions which render a clear and present danger to personal safety.

MERIT – The excellent, unusual or continued accomplishment(s) as recognized by superiors, fellow officers or concerned citizens.

MEDAL OF HONOR

The deed for which the Medal of Honor is presented usually involves a single event, and must demonstrate personal bravery, heroism, intelligence, alertness, presence of mind, and/or self-sacrifice so inspiring that it clearly distinguishes the individual for gallantry and bravery above comrades.

The deed for which the Medal of Honor is awarded must also include a voluntary course of action involving the risk of life.

The Award winner will be presented a plaque, for his/her department, a medal and commendation bar at the Executive Training Institute.

POLICE CROSS

This award would be given in recognition of the recipient who made the supreme sacrifice, who gave their life in the service of the community, state and country in the highest traditions of the law enforcement profession.

This award would be presented at the Executive Training Institute to the officer's family or CLEO and would include a plaque for the department and a medal and commendation bar.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Award nominations may be made for exceptional achievement, including, but not limited to extraordinary valor, crime prevention, detective work, community service and relations, juvenile work, drug control and prevention, training, traffic safety, mentoring, and innovative approaches to public safety. All nominees should have maintained the highest standard of leadership, distinguishing themselves by superior accomplishments,

continuing long term involvement, communication, skills that encompass problem solving, planning, organizational performance, professionalism, and effectiveness during the previous calendar year.

Determination of this distinction requires careful consideration of exactly what is or was expected as the ordinary versus what is or was accomplished as extraordinary and distinctive.

This Award will be presented at the Executive Training Institute with a plaque, for the department, a medal and commendation bar.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE CERTIFICATE

This certificate is presented for an act that is well above the expected in the performance of duty.

The act should be an exceptional accomplishment that is usually distinguished by a succession of outstanding acts of achievement over a sustained period of time.

The certificate will be given to the CLEO who will present it to the officer. The officer and the department will be noted at the Executive Training Institute.

CITIZEN'S VALOR AWARD

This award is presented to private citizens who voluntarily come to the aid of a police officer or citizens in a situation of criminal activity or other life threatening activity thereby putting their personal safety in jeopardy.

Citizens receiving this Award shall have not personal motive or stake in the outcome of the event.

This Award will be presented to the citizen at the Executive Training Institute and include a medal and commendation bar.

PAST PRESIDENT'S AWARD

This Award is presented to the outgoing president at the Executive Training Institute.

SERVICE AWARD

This Award is presented to retiring police chiefs and other chief executives.

It is presented to retiring police chiefs who have been active members of the Association and whose retirements are voluntary.

The member must have served as a police chief for a minimum of five years.

The deadline for submittal for the awards and digital photo has been set for January 31, 2008. All awards are to be submitted by a CLEO or Chief.