

SOUTHERN MARYLAND VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION



HALL OF FAME AWARD

November 27, 2023

These rules supersede any and all previous HoF rules.

Purpose of Award: Recognition of Distinguished Service to the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association or an Individuals County Fire or EMS Association or Individuals Company/Department Service, may also be considered.

Award Sponsor: Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association

Award Administered By: Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association Hall of Fame Committee

Background: The Hall of Fame Award was established by the Southern Maryland Volunteer Firemen's Association in 1986 to recognize the distinguished service of individuals. The first emphasis is to be service to the S.M.V.F.A. and then service to the individual's local Fire/EMS Association and Individual's company/department. Through the year 1986 the Hall of Fame Committee was authorized to select up to twenty (20) inductees into the Hall of Fame, and hence the selection shall be limited to ten (10) inductees, either living or deceased. The award shall be made at the Annual Convention. Distinguished service to the S.M.V.F.A. is the primary consideration, with service to the Individuals County Fire or EMS Association or Individuals Company/Department Service, may also be considered.

Committee members: The Hall of Fame committee shall consist of six (6) members, two (2) from each County, who must all be Hall of Fame members.

Award Rules:

1. During the year 1986 through 1990, there were twenty (20) individuals selected each year, either living or deceased.
2. Beginning in the year 1991 through 2000, induction into the Hall of Fame will be limited to ten (10) individuals who are members of a volunteer fire, rescue, or EMS company, either living or deceased, and in 2001 through 2003 limited to five (5) individuals. Beginning in the year 2004 through 2023, induction into the Hall of Fame will be limited to ten (10) individuals who are members of a volunteer fire, rescue, or EMS company, either living or deceased. Beginning in the year 2024 through present, Hall of Fame will be limited to ten (10) individuals who are living members of a volunteer fire, rescue, or EMS company and two (2) posthumously, following the same nomination criteria noted in Rule #6.

3. In 2005 up to three (3) individuals who are not members of a Volunteer Fire, Rescue, or EMS Department/Company, who has made a distinguished contribution to the S.M.V.F.A. may be inducted as a Special Inductees.
4. Names of individuals for nomination to the S.M.V.F.A. Hall of Fame may be submitted by:
 - a. The nominee's home fire, rescue or EMS department/company, or
 - b. Any individual in good standing with a fire, rescue or EMS department/company with in the S.M.V.F.A., or
 - c. A member company in good standing with the S.M.V.F.A., or
 - d. An individual member (s) of the S.M.V.F.A. Hall of Fame Committee, or
 - e. The Executive Board of the S.M.V.F.A.
5. Nominees must have a minimum of ten (10) years of service with a company or companies belonging to the S.M.V.F.A. to be eligible for consideration.
6. Nomination to the Hall of Fame should be based upon:
 - a. Distinguished service to the SMVFA.
 - b. Distinguished service to the nominees individual County Fire or EMS Association.
 - c. Individual's Company/Department service may also be considered. (Total number of years' service)
7. All nominations must be received in writing, and/or electronically sent, with a brief description of why you feel he/she should be selected. The Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee, must receive all nominations by the **March meeting of the S.M.V.F.A. of each year** to be considered. Nomination letters for an individual must be submitted each year, nomination letters will not be carried over from year to year. **All nomination letters must be signed.**
8. Selection of nominees to the SMVFA Hall of Fame will be made annually by the members of the Hall of Fame Committee. A nominee must receive a majority vote of the members present at the selection meeting for election into the Hall of Fame.
9. All individuals selected to the SMVFA Hall of Fame will receive two (2) certificates, (one for the individual and one for their station), a lapel pin, and a rocker patch (Hall of Fame). Each inductee will also receive the Hall of Fame ribbon bar the ribbon is blue/white/red/white/blue and the Induction and presentations will take place at the SMVFA Installation of Officers.
10. The individuals elected to the Hall of Fame will also have their name engraved on an appropriate plaque to be displayed at the Southern Maryland Regional Training Center in La Plata, MD.
11. The Chair shall be responsible for notifying each person who nominated an individual for the Hall of Fame Award and advise the person whether the nominated individual will receive the award or not. The Chair shall be responsible for ascertaining the total number of individuals that will be attending the Award ceremonies as guests for each individual Award recipient.