

## The Commendation Committee

The following organizations participate in the Commendation Committees that review and make recommendation selections to the Governor for the annual Governor's Awards:

- Hawkeye State Fire Safety Association
- Iowa Association of Professional Fire Chiefs
- International Association of Arson Investigators - Iowa Chapter
- Iowa Division of State Fire Marshal
- Iowa Firemen's Association
- Iowa Fire Chief's Association
- Iowa Fire Service Training Bureau

# Governor's Awards



*for*  
***Outstanding Contribution***  
*to the **State of Iowa***

- Arson Investigator of the Year
- Firefighter of the Year
- Fire Prevention Officer of the Year
- Commitment to Community Service



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## Governor's Awards

*Each year recognition is given to individuals of the fire service whose exemplary performance has contributed significantly to the safety and protection of the communities and citizens of the State of Iowa.*

### Arson Investigator of the Year

An Arson investigator who has made, through their involvement in arson investigation, a significant contribution to the suppression of arson in the state of Iowa. The nominee must, at the time of the act or acts resulting in the nomination, have been a member in good standing of a fire service, law enforcement or insurance agency within the state of Iowa and charged with the investigation of arson. The nominee must, through either the work on a single case or a culmination of cases, have demonstrated an exceptionally high level of performance in the field of arson investigation. This award will be presented at the annual conference of the IAAI - Iowa Chapter. Nominations are due by August 1st.

### Firefighter of the Year

A firefighter who has provided outstanding service to their department or community, either for a specific action while on duty or for career achievements. The nominee must, at the time of the act or acts resulting in the nomination, have been a member in good standing of an organized fire department within the state of Iowa. This award will be presented at the Annual State Fire School. Nominations are due by November 1st.

### Fire Prevention Officer of the Year

A fire service representative who has made, through their involvement in fire prevention, a significant contribution to the prevention of fire in the state of Iowa. The nominee must, at the time of the act or acts resulting in the nomination, have been a member in good standing of an organized fire department within the state of Iowa. He or she must, through either the results of a single program or the cumulation of numerous fire prevention programs, have provided an exceptionally effective contribution in the area of fire prevention. This award will be presented at the Hawkeye State Fire Safety Association Conference. Nominations are due by August 1st.

### Commitment to Community Service Award of the Year

A fire service representative who has provided significant, long-term contributions to his or her community in areas that are in direct association with fire service. The nominee must have served as an active member in good standing of an Iowa volunteer fire department for a minimum of 15 years. This award will be presented at the Annual State Fire School. Nominations are due by November 1st.

## How to submit Nominations

1. Nominations must be submitted by the deadlines indicated for each of the awards to be eligible for consideration during the calendar year.
2. Nominations for Arson Investigator, Firefighter, and Fire Prevention Officer of the Year Awards must include detailed documentation of the act or acts resulting in the nomination, including a narrative account signed by a chief officer of the nominee's fire department.

Nominations for the Commitment to Community Service Award must be accompanied by documentation from the nominee's fire department and from at least three independent community sources, other than the fire department, attesting to the nominee's community contributions in areas such as, but not limited to, charity, scouting, community improvement projects, church work, etc. The nomination must be endorsed by a chief officer of the nominee's fire department.

3. Nominations must be typed or legibly printed.
4. Nominations should be submitted to:

Governor's Award Nomination  
Attn: Kyle Gorsh, Acting Bureau Chief  
Fire Service Training Bureau  
1015 Haber Road, Ames, IA 50011-3104

Nominations will be forwarded by the Bureau Chief to the Commendation Committee. This committee shall review the criteria, nomination, and all supporting documents. The committee may request additional documentation from the nominator as needed. Any recommendation to the Governor for the issuance of these awards shall be based upon a simple majority vote of those committee members present and voting, however, no such vote shall be taken unless there are at least four members present.

An appropriate plaque, medallion or other symbol of recognition will be awarded to the recipient, or if posthumously, to a member of his or her family, by the Governor or a representative of the Governor at a time and place to be designated.