



SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

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

Please review the information below, 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. Firefighters' Association, P O Box 21175, Columbia, SC 29221. 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 Firefighters' 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.

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

DEDICATION: The individual must have longevity in the fire service. He/She has demonstrated the highest degree of dedication and participation within his/her fire department, and/or the state fire service, 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 a team player who supports others' efforts to achieve the goals of the fire service, supports the fire service by embracing its' policy and procedures, engaging only in constructive criticism that will lead to improvements in the service.

PRODUCTIVITY: Has gone well beyond the duties in a manner that exemplifies the competency that all firefighters should strive to achieve and which reflect the highest standards of the fire service. Regularly demonstrates the ability to reduce fire losses and to better serve his/her community and/or the state.

PROFESSIONALISM: Perform his/her fire service duties in a manner that exemplifies the competency that all firefighters should strive to achieve and which reflect the highest standards of the fire service. Regularly demonstrate the ability to lead and to follow, depending upon the circumstances.

*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.*

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NOMINEE:

NAME _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT _____

RANK OR POSITION _____ DEPARTMENT'S PHONE # _____

DEPARTMENT'S ADDRESS _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION? YES _____ NO _____

PERSON MAKING NOMINATION:

NAME _____

FIRE DEPARTMENT _____

DEPARTMENT'S ADDRESS _____

DEPARTMENT'S PHONE # _____ HOME PHONE # _____

YOU A MEMBER OF THE FIREFIGHTERS' 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.

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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.

CHARACTER:

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.

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REFERENCES:

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

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ OCCUPATION _____

ADDRESS _____

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE NOMINEE _____

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HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE NOMINEE _____

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