
2026 OHIO DISTINGUISHED LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS



Nomination forms for:

Civilian Leadership, Training, Community Service, Blue Line, Group Achievement, Lifetime Achievement, Exemplary Response and Valor awards



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Dear Colleague,

In keeping with conference tradition, the Attorney General will again present the Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Awards during the 2026 Law Enforcement Training Symposium later this year. This upbeat and inspiring occasion is one you won't want to miss.

With so much committed police work going on statewide, we need your help to ensure that the most deserving candidates are properly recognized. To that end, we have enclosed nomination forms for the 2026 awards and ask for your submissions in these eight categories:

- Victoria Allen Civilian Leadership
- Training
- Community Service
- Blue Line (for innovation and creativity)
- Group Achievement
- Lifetime Achievement
- Exemplary Response
- Valor

Six of these awards honor the outstanding work, dedication and achievements of law enforcement officers in Ohio. The Civilian Leadership Award recognizes a civilian who works closely with law enforcement, and the Training Award is open to law enforcement officers and civilians alike. For all eight, we need your help in nominating worthy candidates.

The deadline for submissions is **May 8, 2026**. Please submit nomination forms and any supporting documentation electronically to LEAwards@OhioAGO.gov. We also accept them by mail at:

Ohio Law Enforcement Awards Committee
Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission
P.O. Box 309
London, Ohio 43140

If you have any questions about the awards program or nomination forms, please reach out to Susan Boggs at Susan.Boggs@OhioAGO.gov or (740) 845-2353.

Sincerely,
Ohio Law Enforcement Awards Committee



Victoria Allen Civilian Leadership Award

The Victoria Allen Civilian Leadership Award recognizes a civic superhero, a la the award's namesake. Before her untimely death, Victoria Allen advocated for thousands of people in her Youngstown community. She worked with law enforcement to locate missing children, lost or wandering elderly residents, and wanted fugitives. She organized massive community events, including Easter egg hunts, hat and coat drives, and holiday giveaways. She collected information about crimes and helped to calm crowds gathered at scenes of violent crimes. Like Victoria Allen, nominees for this award will epitomize the role of "servant leader," working to unite their neighbors and local law enforcement for the betterment of the community as a whole.

Procedures and Selection Criteria

- Nominations for the Victoria Allen Civilian Leadership Award must be received by **May 8, 2026**.
- The Law Enforcement Awards Committee, established through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC), selects the award winners. The committee consists of representatives of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, FBI and public.
- The information submitted in nominations will be evaluated using a point-based scoring system. Nominations should clearly and thoughtfully describe the nominee's civic leadership, positive impact on the community, and collaboration with law enforcement. Supporting materials may be included to help illustrate these efforts. Nominations that are incomplete or lack sufficient detail to demonstrate the nominee's contributions may not receive a high score.
- The awards will be presented during the Attorney General's 2026 Law Enforcement Training Symposium.
- Candidates will be vetted before receiving the award.
- To ensure each nominee is considered in the most appropriate category, the review committee may move nominations between categories when necessary.
- Nominees for the Civilian Leadership Award must be:
 - A civilian who works closely with law enforcement (but is not in law enforcement).
 - Well-known for being active locally and making extraordinary community contributions.
 - Nominated by:
 - A municipal, township, county, state or federal official.
 - A sheriff, chief of police, or member of a law enforcement agency.
 - A retired member of a law enforcement agency.
 - A fraternal law enforcement organization of the state of Ohio.

If you have any questions about the awards program or nomination forms, please contact Susan Boggs at Susan.Boggs@OhioAGO.gov or (740) 845-2353.

Remember: All nomination forms must be received by May 8, 2026.

Victoria Allen Civilian Leadership Award | Nomination Form

Nominee's name and rank _____

Nominee's agency _____

Nominee's email address _____

Nominee's home address _____

City, state, ZIP _____

Nominee's phone _____

Nominator/Organization _____

Organization's address _____

City, state, ZIP _____

Nominator's email address _____

Nominator's phone _____

Nominator's printed name _____ Nominator's signature _____

CEO's printed name _____ CEO's signature _____

How does this nominee embody the spirit of a “servant leader” by uniting community members and local law enforcement to improve and protect their community in ways that Victoria Allen did? Be sure to include tangible outcomes or positive changes resulting from the nominee’s efforts and to detail how the nominee has worked with police or public safety agencies to support community safety.

Please send the completed nomination form and any additional information to support the nomination by email to **LEAwards@OhioAGO.gov**.



Training Award

The Training Award recognizes an individual whose instructional skills, knowledge, and expertise have significantly influenced those who aspire to become Ohio peace officers as well as current officers throughout the state. Nominees for the award have a proven track record in law enforcement training. They are well-respected among their peers and wield influence in the field. They may have designed an academy program, courses or techniques; published works related to police training; and/or been sought out to present at conferences or other events in Ohio or nationally. In their work, they show a passion for fighting crime the right way, exude a sense of ethics, demonstrate a respect for the law, and promote a service mentality.

Procedures and Selection Criteria

- Nominations for the Training Award must be received no later than **May 8, 2026**.
- The Law Enforcement Awards Committee, established through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC), selects the award winners. The committee consists of representatives of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, FBI and public.
- The information submitted in nominations will be evaluated using a point-based scoring system. Nominations should be fully and thoughtfully completed, clearly describing the nominee's tenure, expertise, professional standing in the field of police training, and the positive influence of their work on law enforcement and/or the public. Additional materials may be included to help illustrate these contributions. Nominations that are incomplete or lack sufficient detail to demonstrate the nominee's qualifications and impact may not receive a high score.
- The awards will be presented during the Attorney General's 2026 Law Enforcement Training Symposium.
- Candidates will be vetted before receiving the award.
- To ensure each nominee is considered in the most appropriate category, the review committee may move nominations between categories when necessary.
- Selection criteria for the Training Award will include:
 - The nominee's length of service and training contributions.
 - The impact of the nominee's training on law enforcement and the community.
 - Any local, regional or national recognition of the nominee's contributions, competence and expertise.
 - The nominee's published works and/or bibliographic recognition.
- Candidates must be nominated by:
 - A municipal, township, county, state or federal official.
 - A sheriff, chief of police, or member of a law enforcement agency.
 - A retired member of a law enforcement agency.
 - A fraternal law enforcement organization of the state of Ohio.
 - A director/commander or a board member of an academy or other training organization, or a law firm that provides police legal training.

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Remember: All nomination forms must be received by May 8, 2026.

Training Award | Nomination Form

Nominee's name and rank _____

Nominee's agency _____

Nominee's email address _____

Nominee's home address _____

City, state, ZIP _____

Nominee's phone _____

Nominator/Organization _____

Organization's address _____

City, state, ZIP _____

Nominator's email address _____

Nominator's phone _____

Nominator's printed name _____ Nominator's signature _____

CEO's printed name _____ CEO's signature _____

How has this nominee's training expertise, instructional leadership, and commitment to ethical, service-oriented policing made a lasting impact on the education and development of Ohio peace officers? Be sure to include the types and numbers of officers trained (recruits, in-service, specialized units, statewide or national reach) and the innovative/effective teaching techniques used to enhance learning and retention.

Please send the completed nomination form and any additional information to support the nomination by email to **LEAwards@OhioAGO.gov**.



Community Service Award

The Community Service Award recognizes a law enforcement officer who is active in community or civic organizations, helping to build bonds between police and the community. Nominees for this award have accepted their duties beyond protecting and serving, volunteering their time, showing kindnesses and otherwise acting in ways to improve the lives of community residents. They build bridges and, in the process, promote trust in local law enforcement by showing that peace officers, just like others in the community, are people who want the best for them and their families. They also inspire others through their community service, becoming even stronger role models for young people.

Procedures and Selection Criteria

- Nominations for the Community Service Award must be received by **May 8, 2026**.
- The Law Enforcement Awards Committee, established through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC), selects the award winners. The committee consists of representatives of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, FBI and public.
- The information submitted in nominations will be evaluated using a point-based scoring system. Nominations should be carefully and thoroughly completed, clearly describing the nominee's community involvement and contributions to improving relationships between law enforcement and the community. Supporting information may be included to help illustrate these efforts. Nominations that are incomplete or lack sufficient detail to demonstrate the nominee's impact may not receive a high score.
- The awards will be presented during the Attorney General's 2026 Law Enforcement Training Symposium.
- Candidates will be vetted before receiving the award.
- To ensure each nominee is considered in the most appropriate category, the review committee may move nominations between categories when necessary.
- Nominees for the Community Service Award must be:
 - A law enforcement officer as defined in ORC Section 2901.01(A)(11).
 - Recognized for making extraordinary contributions in the community and for building productive community relationships.
 - Nominated by:
 - A municipal, township, county, state or federal official.
 - A sheriff, chief of police, or member of a law enforcement agency.
 - A retired member of a law enforcement agency.
 - A fraternal law enforcement organization in Ohio.
 - The executive director or a board member of a civic or community organization when submitted through a police chief, county sheriff or other top law enforcement executive.

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Community Service Award | Nomination Form

Nominee's name and rank _____

Nominee's agency _____

Nominee's email address _____

Nominee's home address _____

City, state, ZIP _____

Nominee's phone _____

Nominator/Organization _____

Organization's address _____

City, state, ZIP _____

Nominator's email address _____

Nominator's phone _____

Nominator's printed name _____ Nominator's signature _____

CEO's printed name _____ CEO's signature _____

How has this nominee gone beyond traditional law enforcement duties to serve, connect with, and positively impact the community, helping to build trust and inspire others through his/her service? Be sure to include tangible results of the officer's service (e.g., improved safety, new resources, positive effect on lives) and to describe how the officer works with colleagues, local organizations, and/or residents to maximize positive outcomes.

Please send the completed nomination form and any additional information to support the nomination by email to **LEAwards@OhioAGO.gov**.



Blue Line Award

The Blue Line Award honors a law enforcement officer who is an innovator. Nominees for this award show a knack for devising ways to improve day-to-day police work. They may have developed or introduced methods to streamline, modernize or otherwise aid criminal investigations, field operations and/or policing strategies, contributing significantly to the greater good within a department or more broadly. They may have implemented new policies, realigned procedures, or introduced new techniques to enhance and advance the pursuit of justice. Likewise, they may have found innovative ways to improve community engagement in solving and preventing crime. Their creativity sets them apart.

Procedures and Selection Criteria

- Nominations for the Service to Law Enforcement Award must be received by **May 8, 2026**.
- The Law Enforcement Awards Committee, established through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC), selects the award winners. The committee consists of representatives of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, FBI and public.
- The information submitted in nominations will be evaluated using a point-based scoring system. Nominations should be carefully and thoroughly completed, clearly describing the nominee's efforts to advance or modernize policing, strengthen community engagement in preventing or solving crime, or otherwise enhance the pursuit of justice. Additional information may be included to help illustrate these efforts. Nominations that are incomplete or lack sufficient detail to demonstrate the nominee's contributions may not receive a high score.
- The awards will be presented during the Attorney General's 2026 Law Enforcement Training Symposium.
- Candidates will be vetted before receiving the award.
- To ensure each nominee is considered in the most appropriate category, the review committee may move nominations between categories when necessary.
- Nominees for the Blue Line Award must:
 - Be a law enforcement officer as defined in ORC Section 2901.01(A)(11).
 - Be recognized for his/her creative and/or innovative contributions to enhancing and advancing law enforcement and the pursuit of justice.
 - Be nominated by:
 - A municipal, township, county, state or federal official.
 - A sheriff, chief of police or member of a law enforcement agency.
 - A retired member of a law enforcement agency.
 - A fraternal law enforcement organization in Ohio.

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Remember: All nomination forms must be received by May 8, 2026.

Blue Line Award | Nomination Form

Nominee's name and rank _____

Nominee's agency _____

Nominee's email address _____

Nominee's home address _____

City, state, ZIP _____

Nominee's phone _____

Nominator/Organization _____

Organization's address _____

City, state, ZIP _____

Nominator's email address _____

Nominator's phone _____

Nominator's printed name _____ Nominator's signature _____

CEO's printed name _____ CEO's signature _____

What innovative ideas, methods, or initiatives has this nominee introduced that have meaningfully improved police operations, investigations, and/or community engagement, and why do these contributions make the nominee deserving of the Blue Line Award? Be sure to describe the specific challenge, inefficiency, and/or gap the innovation solved or improved and what tangible improvements in efficiency, effectiveness, and/or outcome aided investigations, field work, and/or policing strategies.

Please send the completed nomination form and any additional information to support the nomination by email to **LEAwards@OhioAGO.gov**.



Group Achievement Award

The Group Achievement Award recognizes an outstanding accomplishment through the coordination of many individual efforts. The result was exceptional, with the group collectively making a significant, positive and lasting impact on law enforcement and/or the public. In distinguishing itself, the group demonstrated sound judgment, applied acceptable tactics, and might also have employed innovative tools or techniques. The group demonstrated synergy, working together (as a team and individually), supporting one another and communicating effectively to ensure the success of their efforts.

Procedures and Selection Criteria

- Nominations for the Group Achievement Award must be received no later than **May 8, 2026**.
- The Law Enforcement Awards Committee, established through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC), selects the award winners. The committee consists of representatives of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, FBI and public.
- The information submitted in nominations will be evaluated using a point-based scoring system. Nominations should be carefully and thoroughly completed, clearly describing the nominee's leadership, civic involvement, personal contributions to the community, and positive influence on law enforcement throughout their career. Supporting information may be included to help illustrate these efforts. Nominations that are incomplete or lack sufficient detail to demonstrate the nominee's impact may not receive a high score.
- The awards will be presented during the Attorney General's 2026 Law Enforcement Training Symposium.
- Candidates will be vetted before receiving the award.
- To ensure each nominee is considered in the most appropriate category, the review committee may move nominations between categories when necessary.
- Nominees for the Group Achievement Award must:
 - Have completed a mission that distinguishes itself above all others.
 - Have accomplished the mission **between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026**.
 - Have impacted law enforcement and/or the community, leading to positive recognition for the department or participating entities.
 - Be nominated by:
 - A municipal, township, county, state or federal official.
 - A sheriff, chief of police, or member of a law enforcement agency.
 - A retired member of a law enforcement agency.
 - A fraternal law enforcement organization in the state of Ohio.

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Remember: All nomination forms must be received by May 8, 2026.

Group Achievement Award | Nomination Form

Nominee's name _____

Nominee's agency _____

Email address of group leader _____

Home address of group leader _____

City, state, ZIP of group leader _____

Phone number of group leader _____

Nominator/Organization _____

Organization's address _____

City, state, ZIP _____

Nominator's email address _____

Nominator's phone _____

Nominator's printed name _____ Nominator's signature _____

CEO's printed name _____ CEO's signature _____

How did this group's coordinated teamwork, sound judgment, and efforts lead to an exceptional and lasting positive impact on law enforcement and/or the public, making it deserving of the Group Achievement Award? Be sure to include how the group's work led to enduring improvements and to describe the resulting benefits to community safety, trust and/or well-being.

Please send the completed nomination form and any additional information to support the nomination by email to **LEAwards@OhioAGO.gov**.



Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a retired law enforcement officer with a career-long history of extraordinary contributions to Ohio law enforcement. Nominees for this award have exemplified both service and leadership, modeling integrity, intellect, initiative, industry and impact. They have consistently built trust and developed productive and meaningful relationships both within law enforcement and outside in the community. They have displayed humility, accountability and purpose, prioritizing the greater good over personal interests. They have a noteworthy track record of developing, guiding, teaching and training. Their body of work reinforces a selfless and extended commitment to bettering law enforcement and the community (or communities) served.

Procedures and Selection Criteria

- Nominations for the Lifetime Achievement Award must be received by **May 8, 2026**.
- The Law Enforcement Awards Committee, established through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC), selects the award winners. The committee consists of representatives of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, FBI and public.
- The information submitted in nominations will be evaluated using a point-based scoring system. Nominations should be carefully and thoroughly completed, clearly describing the nominee's leadership, civic involvement, personal contributions to the community, and positive influence on law enforcement throughout their career. Supporting information may be included to help illustrate these efforts. Nominations that are incomplete or lack sufficient detail to demonstrate the nominee's impact may not receive a high score.
- The awards will be presented during the Attorney General's 2026 Law Enforcement Training Symposium.
- Candidates will be vetted before receiving the award.
- To ensure each nominee is considered in the most appropriate category, the review committee may move nominations between categories when necessary.
- Nominees for the Lifetime Achievement Award must:
 - Have been a law enforcement officer as defined in ORC Section 2901.01(A)(11).
 - Have retired **on or before March 31, 2026**.
 - Be recognized for his or her leadership, civic involvement, personal contributions to the community, and positive impact on law enforcement over the course of his/her career.
 - Be nominated by:
 - A municipal, township, county, state or federal official.
 - A sheriff, chief of police, or member of a law enforcement agency.
 - A retired member of a law enforcement agency.
 - A fraternal law enforcement organization of the state of Ohio.

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Remember: All nomination forms must be received by May 8, 2026.

Lifetime Achievement Award | Nomination Form

Nominee's name and rank _____

Nominee's agency _____

Nominee's email address _____

Nominee's home address _____

City, state, ZIP _____

Nominee's phone _____

Nominator/Organization _____

Organization's address _____

City, state, ZIP _____

Nominator's email address _____

Nominator's phone _____

Nominator's printed name _____ Nominator's signature _____

CEO's printed name _____ CEO's signature _____

How has this nominee's career-long record of leadership, integrity, service, and mentorship had an enduring impact on Ohio law enforcement and the communities served, warranting recognition with the Lifetime Achievement Award? Be sure to include evidence that the nominee's work continues to benefit law enforcement and/or the community and to identify ways in which the nominee positively impacted those communities, built trust, and/or promoted public safety.

Please send the completed nomination form and any additional information to support the nomination by email to **LEAwards@OhioAGO.gov**.



Exemplary Response Award

The Exemplary Response Award recognizes a law enforcement officer who distinguished himself or herself through one or more lifesaving (or otherwise exceptional actions) in response to a call for assistance. Nominees for this award may have rescued a child from drowning, pulled someone out of a burning home, resuscitated a driver at the scene of a car crash or performed some other remarkable feat. Despite the potential danger presented by the circumstances, the officer showed up at the scene and did not flinch. This award applies to police efforts that did not involve a criminal situation, use of force or community threat.

Procedures and Selection Criteria

- Nominations for the Exemplary Service Award must be received no later than **May 8, 2026**.
- The Law Enforcement Awards Committee, established through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC), selects the award winners. The committee consists of representatives of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, FBI and public.
- The information submitted in nominations will be evaluated using a point-based scoring system. Nominations should be carefully and thoroughly completed, clearly describing the nominee's leadership, civic involvement, personal contributions to the community, and positive influence on law enforcement throughout their career. Supporting information may be included to help illustrate these efforts. Nominations that are incomplete or lack sufficient detail to demonstrate the nominee's impact may not receive a high score.
- The Law Enforcement Awards Committee will consider the officer's actions, level of decision-making required and use of acceptable techniques.
- The awards will be presented during the Attorney General's 2026 Law Enforcement Training Symposium.
- Candidates will be vetted before receiving the award.
- To ensure each nominee is considered in the most appropriate category, the review committee may move nominations between categories when necessary.
- Nominees for the Exemplary Response Award must:
 - Be a law enforcement officer as defined in ORC Section 2901.01(A)(11).
 - Have performed the action(s) **between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026**.
 - Have set himself or herself apart in responding to the call for help, demonstrating courage and risking his/her personal safety.
 - Be nominated by:
 - A municipal, township, county, state or federal official.
 - A sheriff, chief of police or member of a law enforcement agency.
 - A retired member of a law enforcement agency.
 - A fraternal law enforcement organization in Ohio.

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Remember: All nomination forms must be received by May 8, 2026.

Exemplary Response Award | Nomination Form

Nominee's name and rank _____

Nominee's agency _____

Nominee's email address _____

Nominee's home address _____

City, state, ZIP _____

Nominee's phone _____

Nominator/Organization _____

Organization's address _____

City, state, ZIP _____

Nominator's email address _____

Nominator's phone _____

Nominator's printed name _____ Nominator's signature _____

CEO's printed name _____ CEO's signature _____

What specific actions did this nominee take in responding to a call for assistance that demonstrated exceptional courage, decisiveness, and/or lifesaving skill, making him/her deserving of the Exemplary Response Award? Be sure to include how the officer's skills, knowledge, and/or training contributed to the successful response and what significance the officer's actions had on one or more individuals and/or the community served.

Please send the completed nomination form and any additional information to support the nomination by email to **LEAwards@OhioAGO.gov**.



Valor Award

The Valor Award honors a police officer who, despite a risk to his or her personal safety, demonstrated extraordinary courage in order to protect other people from harm. It recognizes actions not normally involved in the performance of duties, actions of an extraordinary nature, and/or actions that display an outstanding execution of duties. Nominees for this award, in the face of a violent or criminal situation that threatened the life of one or more people, responded heroically, exhibiting sound judgment, fearlessness, ingenuity and/or bravery. Their action(s) likely saved the life of one or more individuals.

Procedures and Selection Criteria

- Nominations for the Valor Award must be received no later than **May 8, 2026**.
- The Law Enforcement Awards Committee, established through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC), selects the award winners. The committee consists of representatives of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, FBI and public.
- The information submitted in nomination applications will be evaluated using a point-based scoring system. Nominations should be carefully and thoroughly completed, clearly describing the nominee's bravery, lifesaving actions, sound judgment, and effective use of tactics. Supporting materials, such as video footage, may be included to illustrate these efforts, but the nominee's actions and impact should be fully conveyed in the nomination itself. Incomplete nominations or those lacking sufficient detail to demonstrate the significance of the nominee's contributions may not receive a high score.
- The awards will be presented during the Attorney General's 2026 Law Enforcement Training Symposium.
- Candidates will be vetted before receiving the award.
- To ensure each nominee is considered in the most appropriate category, the review committee may move nominations between categories when necessary.
- Nominees for the Valor Award must:
 - Be a law enforcement officer as defined in ORC Section 2901.01(A)(11).
 - Have performed the action **between April 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026**.
 - Have distinguished himself or herself above and beyond the call of duty when they voluntarily demonstrated extraordinary heroism while taking exceptional action and/or used deadly force, at great personal risk, to protect the community or save the life of another.
 - Have been aware of the imminent threat to his/her personal safety and acted above and beyond the call of duty at the risk of his/her life.
 - Have shown sound judgment and employed acceptable techniques.
- The law enforcement officer must be nominated by:
 - A municipal, township, county, state or federal official.
 - A sheriff, chief of police or member of a law enforcement agency.
 - A retired member of a law enforcement agency.
 - A fraternal law enforcement organization in Ohio.

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Valor Award | Nomination Form

Nominee's name and rank _____

Nominee's agency _____

Nominee's email address _____

Nominee's home address _____

City, state, ZIP _____

Nominee's phone _____

Nominator/Organization _____

Organization's address _____

City, state, ZIP _____

Nominator's email address _____

Nominator's phone _____

Nominator's printed name _____ Nominator's signature _____

CEO's printed name _____ CEO's signature _____

How did this nominee demonstrate extraordinary courage and sound judgment in the face of a violent or criminal threat, risking personal safety to protect others and potentially save lives, making the nominee deserving of the Valor Award? Be sure to include how the nominee demonstrated sound judgment under extreme pressure and any lasting effects the officer's actions had on victims, the law enforcement agency, or the community.

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Please send the completed nomination form and any additional information to support the nomination by email to **LEAwards@OhioAGO.gov**.