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# 2024 OHIO DISTINGUISHED LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

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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,

The 2024 edition of the Ohio Attorney General's Law Enforcement Conference is being reimagined in many ways — changes that we will be sharing with the law enforcement community in the coming weeks and months.

For starters, the conference has a new name: the Law Enforcement Training Symposium. It also has a new location: the Kalahari Resorts & Conventions in Sandusky, Ohio. The 2024 event will take place Sept. 29-Oct. 1, with attendees encouraged to arrive early or stay an extra day to enjoy the facility's indoor water park and other amenities.

In keeping with conference tradition, the Attorney General will again present the Ohio Distinguished Law Enforcement Awards — on the evening of Monday, Sept. 30. 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 2024 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 (new this year)
- 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 17, 2024**. Please submit nomination forms, supporting documentation and a JPG of the nominee electronically to [LEAwards@OhioAGO.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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 17, 2024**.
- 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 scored on a point system. Nominations must be carefully completed **and accompanied by documentation that supports the nominee's civic leadership and involvement, positive impact on the community, and collaboration with law enforcement**. Incomplete nomination forms, including those with vague or unexplained supporting documentation, might not receive a high score.
- The awards will be presented during the Attorney General's 2024 Law Enforcement Training Symposium.
- Candidates will be vetted before receiving the award.
- 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.

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**Remember: All nomination forms must be received by May 17, 2024.**

# Victoria Allen Civilian Leadership Award | Nomination Form

**Instructions:** Please answer each question with information (maximum 1,000 characters) that pertains to the nominee, who must be a civilian who works closely with law enforcement. Supporting documentation may include links to news coverage, letters of commendation, testimonials, awards, etc.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

1. Explain why you wish to nominate this person, and how the nominee has positively affected law enforcement in Ohio.

2. Detail the nominee's community contributions and civic involvement and how both have positively impacted the community.

3. Have the nominee's professional and/or personal contributions been recognized previously? List and explain any awards or other types of recognition received by the nominee.

4. List and explain the accompanying documentation, testimonials and/or evidence in support of the nomination.

**REQUIRED: Please attach a JPG photo of the nominee.**

Please send the completed nomination form, JPG photo and supporting documentation 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 17, 2024**.
- 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 scored on a point system. Nominations must be carefully completed **and accompanied by documentation that supports the nominee's tenure, expertise and standing in the field of police training and how his or her work has positively influenced law enforcement and/or the public**. Incomplete nomination forms, including those with vague or unexplained supporting documentation, might not receive a high score.
- The awards will be presented during the Attorney General's 2024 Law Enforcement Training Symposium.
- Nominees will be vetted before receiving the award.
- 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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## Training Award | Nomination Form

**Instructions:** Please answer each question with information (maximum 1,000 characters) that pertains to the law enforcement trainer(s) and the impact of training activities within the local and law enforcement communities. Supporting documentation may include links to news coverage, letters of commendation, testimonials, awards, etc.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

1. Explain in detail the type of training provided by the nominee.

2. Describe how the law enforcement trainer's instructional contributions have positively impacted the community and/or law enforcement in Ohio.

3. Detail the nominee's length of service as a trainer and proliferation of training. If the trainer has any published works and/or has received bibliographical recognition, please list and explain.

4. List and explain any recognition that the trainer has received for his/her training, competence or expertise.

5. List and explain the accompanying documentation, testimonials and/or evidence in support of the nomination.

**REQUIRED: Please attach a JPG photo of the nominee.**

Please send the completed nomination form, JPG photo and supporting documentation 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 17, 2024**.
- 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 scored on a point system. Nominations must be carefully completed **and accompanied by documentation in support of the nominee's community involvement and his or her contributions to improving the rapport between law enforcement and the community**. Incomplete nomination forms, including those with vague or unexplained supporting documentation, might not receive a high score.
- The awards will be presented during the Attorney General's 2024 Law Enforcement Training Symposium.
- Candidates will be vetted before receiving the award.
- 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

**Instructions:** Please answer each question with information (maximum 1,000 characters) that pertains to the nominee, who must be a police officer who, through his/her police work and beyond, is building bridges in the community and promoting trust in law enforcement. Supporting documentation may include links to news coverage, letters of commendation, testimonials, awards, etc.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe the officer's community involvement.

2. Detail how the officer's personal/professional contributions and civic involvement have made a positive difference in the community.

3. List and explain any awards received by the officer for his or her personal and professional contributions.

4. List and explain the accompanying documentation, testimonials and/or evidence in support of the nomination.

**REQUIRED: Please attach a JPG photo of the nominee.**

Please send the completed nomination form, JPG photo and supporting documentation 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 17, 2024**.
- 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 scored on a point system. Nominations must be carefully completed **and accompanied by documentation supporting the nominee's work in advancing or modernizing policing, boosting community engagement in solving/preventing crime, or otherwise enhancing the pursuit of justice**. Incomplete nomination forms, including those with vague or unexplained supporting documentation, might not receive a high score.
- The awards will be presented during the Attorney General's 2024 Law Enforcement Training Symposium.
- Candidates will be vetted before receiving the award.
- 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 17, 2024.**

## Blue Line Award | Nomination Form

**Instructions:** Please answer each question with information (maximum 1,000 characters) that pertains to the officer's contributions to and performance in the pursuit of justice during the officer's career. Supporting documentation may include links to news coverage, letters of commendation, testimonials, awards, etc.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

1. Detail specifically how the officer's professional contributions, service and creativity/innovation have advanced law enforcement and, in turn, enhanced the community.

2. Explain how the officer's personal contributions and civic involvement (separate from his or her regular duties) have positively impacted the community?

3. Describe how the officer's contributions have been previously recognized, including details on commendations or awards.

4. List and explain the accompanying documentation, testimonials and/or evidence in support of this nomination.

**REQUIRED: Please attach a JPG photo of the nominee.**

Please send the completed nomination form, JPG photo and supporting documentation 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 17, 2024**.
- 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 scored on a point system. Nominations must be carefully completed **and accompanied by documentation that supports and helps detail the collective success of the group**. Incomplete nomination forms, including those with vague or unexplained supporting documentation, might not receive a high score.
- The awards will be presented during the Attorney General's 2024 Law Enforcement Training Symposium.
- Candidates will be vetted before receiving the award.
- Nominees for the Group Achievement Award must:
  - Have completed a mission that distinguishes itself above all others.
  - Have accomplished the mission **between May 1, 2023, and April 30, 2024**.
  - 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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## Group Achievement Award | Nomination Form

**Instructions:** Please answer each question with information (maximum 1,000 characters) that pertains to the group's accomplishment of a specific mission that sets it apart. Supporting documentation may include links to news coverage, letters of commendation, testimonials, awards, etc.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

1. Explain in detail the scope/scale of the group achievement. Please include names of all group members.

2. Describe in detail how the group made a positive and lasting impact on law enforcement and/or the community.

3. Explain how the group exercised sound judgment and employed acceptable tactics in achieving its goal.

4. If applicable, describe the innovative tools and/or techniques used by the group to achieve the goal.

5. List and explain the accompanying documents, testimonials and/or evidence in support of the group's nomination.

**REQUIRED: Please attach a JPG photo of each nominee in the group.**

Please send the completed nomination form, JPG photos and supporting documentation 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 17, 2024**.
- 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 scored on a point system. Nominations must be carefully completed **and accompanied by documentation that underscores the nominee's leadership, civic involvement, personal contributions to the community, and positive influence on law enforcement throughout his or her career**. Incomplete nomination forms, including those with vague or unexplained supporting documentation, might not receive a high score.
- The awards will be presented during the Attorney General's 2024 Law Enforcement Training Symposium.
- Candidates will be vetted before receiving the award.
- 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 April 30, 2024**.
  - 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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# Lifetime Achievement Award | Nomination Form

**Instructions:** Please answer each question with information (maximum 1,000 characters) that pertains to the retired law enforcement officer being nominated for making extraordinary contributions to the development of Ohio law enforcement. Supporting documentation may include links to news coverage, letters of commendation, testimonials, awards, etc.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

1. Describe how the nominee's professional contributions positively impacted his/her community and law enforcement throughout the nominee's career.

2. Detail how the nominee's personal contributions, character traits and civic involvement (separate from his or her regular duties) positively affected the community throughout the nominee's lifetime.

3. Detail how the nominee's professional/personal contributions have been previously recognized, including information on commendations and awards.

4. List and explain the accompanying documentation, testimonials and/or evidence in support of the nomination.

**REQUIRED: Please attach a JPG photo of the nominee.**

Please send the completed nomination form, JPG photo and supporting documentation by email to **LEAwards@OhioAGO.gov**.



## Exemplary Response Award

New this year, 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 17, 2024**.
- 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 scored on a point system. Nominations must be carefully completed **and accompanied by documentation (including any video footage) that supports the standout efforts of the nominee and confirms how the outcome might have been dire had the officer not acted as he/she did**. Incomplete nomination forms, including those with vague or unexplained documentation, might 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 2024 Law Enforcement Training Symposium.
- Candidates will be vetted before receiving the award.
- 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 May 1, 2023, and April 30, 2024**.
  - 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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## Exemplary Response Award | Nomination Form

**Instructions:** Please answer each question with information (maximum 1,000 characters) that pertains to the officer and how that officer distinguished himself or herself in responding to a call for help in a non-criminal situation. Supporting documentation may include links to news coverage, letters of commendation, testimonials, awards, etc.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

1. Explain in detail the situation that prompted you to nominate this officer for the Exemplary Response Award, including the unusual level of personal risk.

2. Explain the courage shown by the officer in making a conscientious decision to risk his/her own safety and how the officer exercised sound judgment/used acceptable tactics in responding to the situation.

3. Describe in detail the likely result or outcome had the officer not responded as he or she did.

4. List and explain the accompanying documentation, testimonials and/or evidence in support of the nomination.

**REQUIRED: Please attach a JPG photo of the nominee.**

Please send the completed nomination form, JPG photo and supporting documentation 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 17, 2024**.
- 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 scored on a point system. Nominations must be carefully completed **and accompanied by documentation (including any video footage) supporting the nominee's bravery, lifesaving action, sound judgment and acceptable tactics**. Incomplete nomination forms, including those with vague or unexplained documentation, might not receive a high score.
- The awards will be presented during the Attorney General's 2024 Law Enforcement Training Symposium.
- Candidates will be vetted before receiving the award.
- 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 May 1, 2023, and April 30, 2024**.
  - 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.

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

**Remember: All nomination forms must be received by May 17, 2024.**

# Valor Award | Nomination Form

**Instructions:** Please answer each question with information (maximum 1,000 characters) that pertains to the officer and the situation in which the officer was placed and how the officer showed valor through his or her actions. Supporting documentation may include links to news coverage, letters of commendation, testimonials, awards, etc.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

1. Explain in detail the situation that prompted you to nominate this officer for the Valor Award, including the unusual or exceptionally high level of personal risk.

2. Detail how the officer exhibited remarkable bravery in the face of known danger, making a conscientious decision to place the value of another's life or safety above his or her own safety.

3. Detail how the officer exercised sound judgment, including following departmental rules/procedures in responding to the situation.

4. Explain the likely result or outcome had the officer not responded as he or she did.

5. List and explain the accompanying documentation, testimonials and/or evidence in support of the nomination.

**REQUIRED: Please attach a JPG photo of the nominee.**

Please send the completed nomination form, JPG photo and supporting documentation by email to **LEAwards@OhioAGO.gov**.