



Montana Sheriffs & Peace Officers Association

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Application to Nominate for MSPOA Annual Award Recognition Application Deadline is April 15th, 2020

The Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association is accepting nominations for 2020 Awards. Check the appropriate award box and refer to page two for descriptions and qualifiers for each award.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Detention Officer of the Year | <input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Career Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Heart | <input type="checkbox"/> Medal of Merit |

Name of Nominee: _____

Nominee's Home Address: _____

Nominee's Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nominee's Rank and Job Assignment: _____

Years of Service (Current Office): _____ Total Service: _____

Name of Sheriff's Office: _____

Person making Nomination: _____

Nominator's Address: _____

Nominator's Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

*** On a separate sheet of paper, please give a written description (500-800 words) of the reason you believe your nominee should be recognized for an MSPOA Award.**

The Sheriff supports the award nomination.

Sheriff's Signature

Date

Send Nominations to:
Sheriff Wynn Meehan
Broadwater County Sheriff's Office
519 Broadway
Townsend, MT 59644

Please send a copy to:
Nominations
MSPOA Administrative Office
PO Box 794
Helena, MT 59624

Any sheriff, deputy sheriff, or civilian support employee may submit nominations. Nominations must be typewritten or legibly printed and must be between 500 and 800 words. The nominator must explain in detail the circumstances that are to be considered by the selection committee. Include biographical information or other information to support the nomination or information of interest concerning the nominee.

Detention Officer of the Year

The person nominated shall be any Detention Employee of the Sheriff's Office whose performance has made a significant contribution to law enforcement and who has done more than what is normally expected in regular day to day duty.

Deputy of the Year

The person nominated shall be any Law Enforcement Officer of the Sheriff's Office whose performance has made a significant contribution to law enforcement and who has done more than what is normally expected in regular day to day duty.

Chaplain of the Year

This award recognizes a chaplain who has made outstanding contributions to law enforcement and his/her agency or who has demonstrated conspicuous excellence in the performance of his/her duties.

Distinguished Career Award

The person nominated shall be any employee of a Sheriff's Office whose performance has made significant contributions to law enforcement over the course of an entire career.

Purple Heart

The person nominated shall be any employee of a Sheriff's Office. The Purple Heart is given for having sustained personal injury, in the intelligent performance of his/her law enforcement duty, inflicted by an assailant with a dangerous weapon.

Medal of Merit

The Medal of Merit is given to a law enforcement officer and/or a civilian for a contribution to his/her community and to the Field of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

Please include a photo of the nominee.

Awards recipients are determined by the MSPOA Public and Community Relations Committee members after thoughtful consideration of each award's purpose and criteria and the qualification and outstanding achievements of each nominee.

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** The MSPOA Public and Community Relations Committee has gone through the process of evaluating the MSPOA Awards distributed and the process by which award recipients are determined. In the analysis, the members of the committee decided to temporarily suspend the Life Saver Award as any single life is not more important than any other life. The committee will continue to discuss the most appropriate way to honor those deputies who took life saving measures outside the course of their regular duties while also adhering to safety policies and procedures.*

MSPOA Award Process

- Completed and signed award nomination forms, narratives and photos must be submitted NO LATER than April, 15, 2020.
- MSPOA Public and Community Relations Committee Members will evaluate each nomination and determine the award recipients in each award category. There may not be an award recipient in ALL categories, EVERY year. The committee has the discretion to choose the award winners based on the purpose and criteria for each award and the qualifications and outstanding achievements of each nominee.
- By May 15, the Chair of the Public and Community Relations Committee will contact all award NOMINATORS and let them know the status of the application he/she submitted (both those in which there was a successful award recipient chosen and those in which the nominee was not chosen to receive the award).
- Once the NOMINATOR has been informed that the person he/she nominated is the award recipient, MSPOA Staff will coordinate with the NOMINATOR and/or the NOMINEE to make arrangements for attendance at the Annual MSPOA Awards Banquet.
- MSPOA invites award recipients and their family and friends to attend the banquet.
- MSPOA pays for the following: banquet tickets for the nominator, award recipient and the immediate family of the award recipient (spouse and kids or parents) as well as ONE hotel room for the award winner.
- Additional banquet tickets can be purchased for family, friends and colleagues who would like to attend the banquet. Tickets are typically about \$35.
- The 2020 Annual Banquet will take place in Billings, Montana on Thursday, June 11, 2020.