



Montana Sheriffs & Peace Officers Association

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Application to Nominate for MSPOA Annual Award Recognition

Application Deadline: April 15, 2022

The Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association is accepting nominations for 2022 Awards. Check the appropriate award box and refer to page two for descriptions and qualifiers for each award.

- Deputy of the Year
- Detention Officer of the Year
- Purple Heart
- Medal of Merit
- Sheriff Tony Harbaugh Distinguished Career Award

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 page, please provide a written description (500-800 words) of the reason you believe your nominee should be recognized for an MSPOA Award. Please include a photo of the nominee.**

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
wmeehan@co.broadwater.mt.us

AND

MSPOA Administrative Office
c/o Nanette Gilbertson
P.O. Box 794
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nanette@smithandmcgowan.com

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.

Distinguished Career Award

The person nominated shall be any employee of a Sheriff's Office or a retired 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.

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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MSPOA Award Process

- Completed and signed award nomination forms, narratives and photos must be submitted NO LATER than April, 15, 2022.
- 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 the presentation of the award at the award recipient's home agency.
- Members of the MSPOA Board and Public and Community Relations Committee will travel the state to present the awards in early June OR invite recipients to attend the annual banquet to receive the award.
- MSPOA staff will coordinate with the nominator and the Sheriff to ensure logistics are arranged and family members have the opportunity to attend.