



YOUR NOMINATION FOR FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR FOR OUTSTANDING ACT:

Name of Nominee for Outstanding Act:

OF THE _____ FIRE DEPARTMENT/COMPANY

Chief's Name _____ & _____

Signature (Chief please sign)

Department/Company/ Name or Person making this Nomination _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Please describe your nominee's Outstanding Act (please attach additional pages and newspaper clippings or documents that support the action this firefighter is nominated for).

**Please return this form to;
CCVFA Recording Secretary
Laura Foster
15 Vineyard Terrace
Germantown, NY 12526**



**NOMINATION FOR LIFETIME FIREFIGHTER ACHIEVEMENT
HALL OF FAME AWARD**

Name of Nominee for Lifetime Firefighter Achievement Hall of Fame:

OF THE _____ FIRE DEPARTMENT/COMPANY

Chief's Name _____ & _____

Signature (Chief please sign)

Department/Company/ Name or Person making this Nomination _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Please describe your nominee's Lifetime of Firefighter Achievement (please attach additional pages or documents that support the nomination, i.e. memberships, years of service, awards etc.).

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To All Members, Companies and Departments:

The CCVFA is pleased to announce that once again we will be recognizing a Columbia County Firefighter of the Year. In addition, the legacy award previously known as ‘The Lifetime Achievement Award’; was started several years ago to honor those that have dedicated decades of volunteer hours. Over the years this award has evolved. We are pleased to announce a major change to this award, to further recognize and honor these magnificent men and women.

Beginning in 2020 the recipients of the LFFAA will be inducted into a newly created Columbia County Firefighters Association Hall of Fame.

Please review the attached guidelines provided. Every Fire Company, Department and Association has members who are deserving of special and due recognition. The Nominee(s) must be a member of the Association in good standing.

There are two separate application/ nomination forms. One for each award category. Please utilize the correct form depending on the departments nominations. If there are multiple firefighters nominated for the same incident, please include all on one form. If there are multiple nominations for separate and distinct reasons please nominate on separate forms.

All nominations must be received on or before the CCVFA quarterly meeting held on April 8, 2020 at the Stuyvesant Firehouse. The Committee will review all nomination applications and present the Awards at the Annual Convention. Please call Eric Barnes at (518) 708-7105 if you have any questions.

Firematically yours,

Committee of Firefighter of the Year

**Please return nominations to:
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December 5, 2018

President David Silliman
Columbia County Volunteer Firefighters Association
Hudson, NY 12534

President Silliman:

We respectfully submit to you and all of the Directors/ Officers of the Columbia County Volunteer Firefighters Association a request for consideration to change and enhance the annual award / citation for the accomplishments of firefighters in our county. In 2012 an award and ceremony was enacted to celebrate and honor the accomplishments. Over the past several years this award has been embraced by all and has grown to be a great tradition.

While continuing with the tradition and keeping to our roots of honoring firefighters, we have evolved this ceremony to incorporate the lifelong service and accomplishments of our tenured volunteers. This award added has come to be known as the Lifetime Achievement award. Although this award has morphed over the past couple of years, it remains one of the most enthusiastic parts of the Annual Convention ceremony.

With changing times and new members comes 'new' and welcomed ideas. In 2018 there was a suggestion made by several members to alter the recognition of the Lifetime Achievement Award. Members of the FFOY Committee have met and agree that the changes would enhance the already successful program. We submit that the CCVFA Directors consider revising the Lifetime Achievement Award to the new CCVFA Hall of Fame for Lifetime of Achievement. This slight change would further be recognized by providing for a permanent plaque recognizing same, which would be proudly hung in the new Training Center for all new and future firefighters to view and appreciate.

Furthermore, we submit with the change, slight rule changes to how the award is selected and presented. Please refer to page 2 for details.

In closing, we respectfully thank you for your time and consideration on this matter and look forward to working with you in the future to come. All suggestions and proposals are open for discussion. Suggestions are welcome. It is anticipated, if approved, these changes would be placed into effect for the 2019-2020 year.

Respectfully Submitted,

FFOY Committee

Current Qualifications:

- Nominees must be a member of the Association in good standing from April 1- March 31 of each year— **No Change**
- Nominees for FFOY shall have done some deed of outstanding quality, either during the line of firematic duty or of civic community function. The committee will consider all aspects of the application and nomination, including but not limited to; forthrightness, cool and collective action, quick thinking, leadership, use of corrective measure and lives or property protected— **No Change**
- Although significant, it is important to remember that acts of heroism are not the sole qualifying factor in choosing a FFOY. — **No Change**
- Nominees for LFAA shall have served 25 years of service - **Change**
- Considerations are given for those that have dedicated their lives to the overall firefighting community, such as, having been a dedicated member of the CCVFA, their own dept’s, active FF’s, members of other organizations and an overall commitment to sacrificing their own lifetime to the betterment of the firefighting service. — **No Change**
- 3 nominees of each category are invited to the annual convention with the winner being the Firefighter of the year and the Lifetime Firefighter Achievement Award winner. Two runner ups from each category are acknowledged and presented an Honorable Mention award. — **Change**
- Change:
- Nominees **for LFAA Hall of Fame** shall have served 25 years of service
- Only the number of actual Inductees to the LFAA will be honored at the CCVFA Convention
- All nominations from fire companies for LFAA HOF will be considered each year by the Committee. The committee will select an appropriate ‘Class of Inductees’ for that particular year. The number of inductees will not exceed 3 in any particular year. All inductees will be invited to the convention for recognition. A letter from the Committee will be sent to all companies who nominated a firefighter that was not inducted and invited to nominate for selection in a future year.
- A CCVFA HOF plaque will be installed at the new training center where the names of each year's inductees will be proudly displayed for all future firefighters to recognize.
- The first slate of inductees will be voted on and inducted into the HOF at the 2020 CCVFA convention. This will start with the commencement of the 2019-2020 year on April 1, 2019.
- The below list of inductees will also be inducted into the HOF, as they were honorees of previous CCVFA LFAA. This list of inductees will be invited to the 2020 CCVFA for recognition and the unveiling of the new HOF plaque.
- List of LFAA HOF inductees:

2017: Chief David ‘Chappy’ Chapman, Chatham
Chief James Potts Sr., Clermont
Chief James Briscoe, Stottville

2018: President Kenneth Wilber, Ghent
Chief James Coons, Hudson
President George Harp, Hudson
President Jeffrey French, Mellenville

2019: TBD



Firefighter of The Year Guidelines

Outstanding Act: Awarded to the nominee that he or she has done some deed of outstanding quality in the fire service. Including, but not limited to; straightforward, cool and collective action, quick thinking, leadership, use of corrective measures and lives or property protected.

Although significant, it is important to remember that acts of heroism are not the sole qualifying factor in choosing a FFOY.

Requirements; Nominees must be a resident of Columbia County and a member in good standing of the CCVFA.

All correspondences to the CCVFA regarding the nomination of a member shall be signed by the Chief of their Department.

A complete application including a resume of the nominee, media coverage, photographs, video, statements and / or any other documents that support the action for which the firefighter is nominated for.

Each Fire Department or Fire Company should submit at least (1) one nominee each year from their company.

If more than one person is involved in a single act that is worthy of the award, the award shall be honored to all involved.

The qualification period for the award should run from April 1st through March 31st to allow the Committee to review nominations and present the award.

The awards will be presented at the Annual CCVFA Convention.

The CCVFA Committee will meet review all nominees.

The nominees as well as their company, family and friends will be invited to the Annual Convention for the presentation of awards.

The awards ceremony should include a delegation from the recipients Company or Department and Chief Officers/ others to honor the recipient at The Annual CCVFA Convention.

The Committee will submit the name(s) of the recipient of the Firefighter of the Year to the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association and F.A.S.N.Y.'s Firefighter of the Year.



Lifetime Firefighter Achievement Hall of Fame Award

Columbia County Firefighters Association Hall of Fame “Lifetime Firefighter Achievement Award”: Awarded to the nominee that he or she has shown total dedication to the Volunteer Fire Service who has completed twenty-five (25) years or more of active Service to a Volunteer Department of Columbia County.

This HOF was created so that there will be a forever lifetime of recognition for these volunteers who gave a lifetime of their time and dedication.

This HOF will be on display at the newly created Training Center in Ghent. At the training center there will be permanent recognition plaques displaying these honors. This will be a place where all current and future firefighters can observe and honor the traditions and sacrifices made by those before them. It will serve as a sense of encouragement for those beginning their trek into the greater good for their own communities.

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