

## MERITORIOUS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Award Nominee(s), include department affiliation and contact information if known:

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Date of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_ Incident Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of all Persons involved, either as witnesses or participants:

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Detailed account of the incident or service performed:

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Person(s) submitting this award nomination, please provide a contact phone number:

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Submit award nomination(s) by regular mail to:

York County Department of Fire Safety, P.O. Box 82, York, SC. 29745,  
Attn: Director of Fire Services.

Submit award nomination(s) in person:

York County Fire Training Center located at 2500 McFarland Road, York, SC. 29745,  
Attn: Director of Fire Services. For directions, call 803-620-2270.

Submit award nomination(s) via fax:

803-620-2269, Attn: Director of Fire Services.

A description of the Meritorious Awards is provided on the following page.

### **MERITORIOUS AWARDS**

- 1) Meritorious Awards consist of the following:
  - a) **MEDAL OF VALOR** - The Medal of Valor shall recognize extraordinary members who have distinguished themselves by gallantry and bravery in the performance of an act aimed to preserve life or property and is carried out with a clear risk of death or serious injury. The act was so conspicuous that it clearly distinguishes the individual as one who acted beyond the call of duty and whose bravery and commitment were in the highest traditions of the fire service.
  - b) **MEDAL OF DISTINGUISHED ACTION** - The Medal of Distinguished Action recognizes members of the fire service who have demonstrated exemplary actions in response to specific situations. This award shall be issued for actions aimed towards life or property preservation but in which the circumstances did not necessarily present a clear and defined danger of death or serious injury. The incidents may be emergency or routine in nature and may not present a perilous situation, but the nature of the member's exceptional performance was obviously above and beyond the call of duty.
  - c) **MALTESE CROSS** - The Maltese Cross is awarded to members who are seriously injured in the performance of their duties or during other overt acts aimed towards the preservation of life or property. The Maltese Cross may be awarded in conjunction with another award where the facts demonstrate that the recipient is entitled to such an award.
  - d) **LIFE SAVING AWARD** - The Life Saving Award is intended to recognize members of the fire service who are clearly and directly responsible for saving a human life. When a member's actions saved a life to the extent that the person lived for any period of time after the life saving effort, the member is eligible to receive this award even though the person may expire at a later time. The Life Saving Award is aimed towards recognition of those members that go to extraordinary lengths to save the lives of the individuals in our community.
- 2) Meritorious Service Awards will be considered for those members that selflessly engage in acts that are in the highest traditions of the fire service.
- 3) Any member of the fire service or general public may nominate a firefighter for receipt of a Meritorious Award providing that the nominated member fulfilled the given criteria during the performance of their duties. See Form 100.01, MERITORIOUS AWARD NOMINATION FORM.