



# The North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police Officer of the Year Award

The North Carolina Fraternal Order of Officer of the Year Award honors Fraternal Order of Police members who distinguish themselves by actions which represent the highest standards of the law enforcement profession. Nominees should be those Officers who highlight that outstanding law enforcement work is varied and challenging, greatly affects people from all walks of life, improves community conditions, and improves the quality of life in the communities they serve while supporting and furthering the ideals and values of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Nominations are to be submitted in resume form, by a lodge subordinate to the North Carolina State Lodge, and will state the qualifications of the member being nominated. The following guidelines are to be followed for the submission of a nomination to the Awards Committee:

1. Nominations for this award will be accepted beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> each year for service during the preceding calendar year. The Awards Committee Chair will establish a deadline each year.
2. All nominations submitted must be legible and include an explanation of the applicant's qualifications for this award as well as a brief personal, professional, and fraternal biography .
3. A lodge in good standing and subordinate to the North Carolina State Lodge must submit the nomination. No individual shall submit his or her own nomination.
4. Nominees must be members in good standing of a local lodge subordinate to the North Carolina State Lodge.
5. Only active or affiliate F.O.P. members currently working as sworn law enforcement personnel in either full time, part time, or reserve positions or who were working as such during the calendar year related to the award will be considered for this award.
6. Nominees for this award will be of good reputation fraternally, professionally, and personally among their peers and communities.
7. Departmental or citizen complaints for the award year will **not** automatically preclude a nominee from the award process and will be considered on an individual basis.
8. Nominees for this award must have maintained an outstanding level of productivity and a minimal level of absenteeism.
9. Considerations for this award are many faceted. They may include completion of tasks or assignments that went beyond the normal call of duty, service which served to enhance public safety, encouragement of community involvement, crime prevention, and community oriented policing.
10. Acts of exceptional valor will also be considered. Acts of exceptional valor shall mean that a police officer has, by a conspicuous act or acts, clearly distinguished him/herself by bravery, heroism or outstanding courage and has placed the safety and welfare of the community above all other considerations.
11. Incontestable proof of the nominee's outstanding performance, accomplishments, actions, and character shall be required. The nomination package should include such items as letters from agency heads/supervisors, performance reviews, official reports, statements, photographs, and if available, related media reports. It is recognized that confidentiality considerations may preclude the submission of reports and related materials. However, there must be sufficient documentation for a nominee to be considered.