

National Sheriffs' Association



2016 Awards

Ferris E. Lucas Award for Sheriff of the Year

This award recognizes a sheriff who has made outstanding contributions to law enforcement and the criminal justice profession, demonstrates exceptional service to their community, and has contributed to the betterment of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA).

Purpose

To establish a prestigious national award for an active sheriff who has performed the duties of his or her office in the highest professional manner as well as enhance the Office of Sheriff. The award is given in memory and honor of Ferris E. Lucas, who served as President of the National Sheriffs' Association (1944-1946) and Executive Director of the National Sheriffs' Association (1964-1982).

Sponsorship

Pursuit Productions and the National Sheriffs' Association

Awards Panel

Comprised of (a) past winners of this award and (b) several persons (non-sheriffs) appointed by NSA's President, who are associated with law enforcement and familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Sheriff.

Categories

An award will be given to an active sheriff, who is a member in good standing of the National Sheriffs' Association, from any city/county Office of the Sheriff.

Criteria

This award is intended to recognize a sheriff who has shown unusual initiative and imagination in the performance of his/her duty. Long years of service are a consideration, but not the determining factor. Any involvement in the community that goes beyond the responsibilities of the office will be considered. Those actions the sheriff took to improve the stature of the Office of Sheriff locally and statewide, as well as any contributions on the national level and to NSA will be given a high priority.

Qualifications

A candidate must be a full-time sheriff; a member in good standing of the NSA; and a member of his/her state sheriffs' association.

Application

Complete the attached form and submit with supporting documentation listed below. Nomination submissions will be held on file for two subsequent years and re-considered each year.

The nomination must include the following:

- Description of meritorious activities and major accomplishments and description of involvement with state as well as National Sheriffs' Association (1500 words)
- Nominee's resume (mandatory)
- State Sheriff's Association Endorsement or Letter of Recommendation (mandatory)

Charles "Bud" Meeks Award for Deputy Sheriff of the Year

This award recognizes a deputy sheriff who has made outstanding contributions to law enforcement and his/her agency or who has demonstrated conspicuous bravery in the performance of his/her duties. There are now two awards given in this category. One for valor and one for merit.

Purpose

To establish a prestigious national award to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions or accomplishments directly related to law enforcement. The awards are given in memory and honor of Charles "Bud" Meeks, who served as Sheriff of Allen County, Indiana, (1975-1982) and Executive Director of the National Sheriffs' Association (1989-1997, 2000).

Awards Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the NSA Awards Committee.

Categories

An award will be given to deputy sheriffs from any city/county Office of the Sheriff, provided that the sheriff is a member in good standing of the National Sheriffs' Association.

Criteria

This award is intended to recognize employees (i.e. Chief Deputy, Lieutenant, Sergeant, Deputy Sheriff) from an Office of the Sheriff who have shown unusual initiative and imagination in the performance of his/her duty. A heroic or meritorious service act involving any of the functions of the Office of the Sheriff (i.e. law enforcement, jails/corrections, courtroom security, service of process) is not mandatory. Long years of service are a consideration, but not the determining factor. The quality of the service or program is the essential factor. Contributions and service within the community are also considered.

Qualifications

A candidate must be a full-time paid officer or deputy sheriff (all ranks below sheriff are eligible) from a city/county office of the sheriff. The nominating sheriff must be a member in good standing of the NSA and must sign the application.

Application

Complete the attached form, and submit with supporting documentation listed below.

The nomination must include the following:

- Description of meritorious activities & major accomplishments (1,000 words)
- Verification of Sheriff's membership in NSA
- Nominee's resume (please do not include any video.)

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.

Purpose

To establish a prestigious national award to recognize an individual(s) who has made significant contributions or accomplishments directly related to chaplains in law enforcement.

Awards Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the NSA Awards Committee.

Categories

An award will be given to a chaplain from any city/county office of the sheriff, provided that the sheriff is a member in good standing of the National Sheriffs' Association.

Criteria

This award is intended to recognize a chaplain from an Office of the Sheriff who has shown unusual initiative and imagination in the performance of his/her duty. A heroic or meritorious service act involving the Office of the Sheriff is not mandatory. Long years of service are a consideration, but not the determining factor. The quality of the service or program is the essential factor. Contributions and service within the community are also considered.

Qualifications

A candidate must be a full-time or part-time employee or volunteer from a city/county Office of the Sheriff. The nominating sheriff must be a member in good standing of the National Sheriffs' Association, and must sign the application.

Application

Complete the attached form, and submit with the supporting documentation listed below.

The nomination must include the following:

- Description of meritorious activities & major accomplishments (1,000 words)
- Verification of Sheriff's membership in NSA
- Nominee's resume (please do not include any video-tapes.)

Law Enforcement Explorer Post Advisor Award

This award recognizes an outstanding contribution by a Post Advisor to a Law Enforcement Explorer Post sponsored by a sheriff's office.

Purpose

To establish an award to recognize and demonstrate NSA's support by recognizing a Sheriff's Office and a Post Advisor for his/her contribution to Law Enforcement Exploring.

Awards Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the NSA Awards Committee.

Post Activities Rated in Selection Process (for past 2 years)

1. Recruiting – Describe recruiting methods. Indicate how many Explorers have been recruited by age of recruit.
2. Size of Post and Tenure – Indicate number and the length of time in the Post. Indicate number who dropped out.
3. Written Program Plans – Submit (describe in detail) the program plans for the current and past year.
4. Explorer Training – Submit details on Explorer training: topics, hours, participation, instructors and purpose.
5. Post Activities – Describe how Explorers are used in official services, (i.e. crime prevention, traffic/parking control, communications, identification). Describe civic activities and service to the community, (i.e. child fingerprinting, Neighborhood Watch, and Students Against Drunk Driving).
6. Participation in State/Regional/National Conference – Give full details on Post participation in conferences, events and competitions, number of Explorers attending, etc.
7. Awards and Recognition – List awards and community recognition earned by the Post and Explorers.
8. Endorsement of the Sponsoring Sheriff – A statement by the Sheriff describing the benefits of the Explorer program and the role played by the Post Advisor in the success of the Exploring Program.

Criteria

Nominations will be judged on the (8) categories of activity and will be evaluated by a panel of judges. All material may be prepared by the Post Explorer except Activity 8 which must be prepared and signed by the Sheriff (who must be a member in good standing of the NSA).

Qualifications

A candidate must be a full-time, paid employee of the sponsoring sheriff's office; must have served as Post Advisor for the 24 months prior to the time the nomination is submitted; and the Post must have been established at least two (2) years at time nomination is submitted.

Application

Complete the attached form and attach all supporting documentation, appropriate references, letters of support, and photo-copies of any relevant news articles (please do not include any video-tapes).

Corrections/Jail Innovation of the Year Award

This award recognizes a Correctional professional in any position who has created an innovative process, program or procedure that has contributed to the improvement of the Corrections/Jail environment in security, safety, custody, or any other significant improvement in jail operations.

Purpose

To establish a prestigious national award to recognize an individual (s) who has made significant contributions or accomplishments directly related to improving operations in the Corrections environment via creative and innovative thinking.

Awards Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the NSA Awards Committee.

Categories

An award will be given to any Corrections professional including officers, jail administrators, support staff, or ranking officers up to and including Sheriff from any city/county Office of the Sheriff.

Criteria

This award is intended to recognize any Corrections professional from an Office of the Sheriff who has shown unusual initiative and imagination in the development of a new process, program, or procedure that has improved the Corrections environment. The quality of the innovation and its potential application as a Best Practice in other Corrections environments are the essential factors. While technological innovations will be considered, the quality of a new Best Practice in a program, process, or procedure that can be adopted at reasonable or no cost will be given greater consideration.

Qualifications

A candidate must be a full-time paid employee (both sworn or non-sworn), officer, or ranking officer from a city/county Office of the Sheriff. The nominating Sheriff must be a member in good standing of the NSA, and must sign the application.

Application

Complete the attached form, and submit with the supporting documentation listed below.

The nomination must include the following:

- Description of of the idea, how it is executed, and how it has benefitted the Corrections/Jail environment (1,000 words)
- Verification of Sheriff's membership in NSA
- Nominee's resume (please do not include any video-tapes.)

Court Security Agency/Professional of the Year Award

This award recognizes a Court Security professional in any position who has created an innovative process, program or procedure that has contributed to the improvement of the court environment in security, safety, custody, or any other significant improvement in court security operations.

Purpose

To establish a prestigious national award to recognize an individual agency that has made significant contributions or accomplishments directly related to improving operations in the court environment via creative and innovative thinking.

Awards Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the NSA Awards Committee.

Categories

An award will be given to any agency professional including officers, support staff, or ranking officers up to and including Sheriff from any city/county Office of the Sheriff.

Criteria

This award is intended to recognize any court security professional from an Office of the Sheriff who has shown unusual initiative and imagination in the development of a new process, program, or procedure that has improved the court security environment. The quality of the innovation and its potential application as a Best Practice in other court security environments are the essential factors. While technological innovations will be considered, the quality of a new Best Practice in a program, process, or procedure that can be adopted at reasonable or no cost will be given greater consideration.

Qualifications

A candidate must be a full-time paid employee (both sworn or non-sworn), officer, or ranking officer from a city/county Office of the Sheriff. The nominating Sheriff must be a member in good standing of the NSA, and must sign the application.

Application

Complete the attached form, and submit with the supporting documentation listed below.

The nomination must include the following:

- Description of the idea, how it is executed, and how it has benefitted the court security environment (1,000 words)
- Verification of Sheriff's membership in NSA
- Nominee's resume (please do not include any video-tapes.)

Reserve Deputy of the Year Award

This award was established to recognize a volunteer reserve or auxiliary deputy who has made significant contributions to law enforcement in his/her agency or to the law enforcement community.

Purpose

To establish a prestigious national award to recognize an individual(s) who have/has made a significant contributions or accomplishments directly related to law enforcement. The award was established by the NSA Reserve Law Enforcement Officer Committee in 2013.

Awards Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the NSA Awards Committee.

Criteria

This award is intended to recognize a volunteer law enforcement officer (i.e. Reserve, Auxiliary, Special Deputy, etc.) from an Office of Sheriff who has shown unusual initiative and imagination in the performance of his/her duty. Contributions and service within the local community, the law enforcement community, and within volunteer law enforcement in the nation will be considered. A heroic or meritorious service act involving any of the functions of the Office of Sheriff (i.e. law enforcement, jails/corrections, courtroom security, service of process) can be considered but is not a major factor. Long years of service can also be considered, but are not the determining factor.

Qualifications

A candidate must be a volunteer deputy sheriff (all ranks are eligible) who does not receive any more than a minimum stipend for services or as reimbursement for expenses. The candidate must perform law enforcement duties for an Office of Sheriff and must have law enforcement authority. The nominating sheriff must be a member in good standing of the NSA and must sign the application.

Application

Complete the attached form, and submit with the supporting documentation listed below. Nomination submissions will be held on file for two subsequent years and be reconsidered each year.

The nomination must include the following:

- Description of meritorious activity and major accomplishments (1,000 words)
- Verification of Sheriff's membership in NSA
- Nominee's resume (please do not include any video-tapes.)

RULES FOR AWARDS

All nominations should be submitted directly to the National Sheriffs' Association.

National Sheriffs' Association
Awards Committee
1450 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-3490

Applications for all awards must be postmarked by **November 20, 2015.**

If you have any questions concerning this application, please contact Ross Mirmelstein at 703.838.5321 or rossmir@sheriffs.org.

Special Notation

The NSA's Award Committee and the Lucas Committee may or may not grant an award, at its discretion.

Announcement Of Winner(s)

The awardee(s) for the Ferris E. Lucas Award for Sheriff of the year and the Charles "Bud" Meeks Award for Deputy Sheriff of the year will attend the NSA Annual Conference & Exhibition, where the awards will be presented. In 2016, the Lucas and Meeks Awards will be presented at the Opening Session of the conference. All other awards will be presented at the awardees' sheriffs' offices.

For the Lucas and Meeks awards, NSA will arrange for and pay, a) airline transportation; and b) up to 6 nights lodging (NSA's Headquarters Hotel) at the 2016 Annual Conference and Exhibition. In addition, the association shall provide full conference registration(s) for the award recipient and his/her spouse/guest. The winners of these prestigious awards shall be notified of selection prior to the 16th day of February 2016.

NSA will make arrangements for the other awards to be presented at the awardees' sheriffs office in the spring of 2016 and the winners will be announced at the Annual Conference in June 2016 in Minneapolis, MN.

Please note: all applications (and supporting documentation) become the property of the National Sheriffs' Association, and will NOT be returned, unless specifically requested in writing, and accompanied with a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS, SEE REQUIREMENTS BELOW

Crime Victim Services Award

NSA recognizes that victims of crime have unique needs and that appropriate assistance to victims should be provided by law enforcement as early as possible in the response process. In an effort to focus more national and local attention on law enforcement services provided to victims of crime, NSA annually recognizes a Sheriff's Office that has demonstrated outstanding achievement in support of victims with the NSA Crime Victim Services Award. Established in 2005 with funding support from the Office for Victims of Crime, the award has been generously sponsored by Appriss, Inc., since 2008.

Nominations for the Crime Victim Services Award may be submitted by any individual or organization. The Sheriff of the nominated Office must be an NSA member. Nominations should include a brief overview of the Sheriff's Office, and then address the following questions, in addition to any other achievements of the Office that the nominating individual or organization may wish to highlight:

- What accomplishments has the nominated Sheriff's Office made on behalf of crime victims and how are those accomplishments innovative and unique?
- How has the nominee's victim services and/or programs impacted the local citizenry?
- How have the actions of the nominee influenced the policies, practices, and attitudes toward crime victims by its other governmental/non-governmental partner organizations in the community?

The deadline for receipt of nominations by NSA is December 7, 2015. Nominations should be no more than 10 pages in length, including attachments, and should not include DVDs, CDs, etc. Mail nominations to the attention of Tim Woods at NSA (1450 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314). Include six photocopies with your original nomination. For further information, contact Tim Woods at 703.838.5317 or twoods@sheriffs.org.

J. Stannard Baker Award for Highway Safety

This award recognizes a sheriff or deputy sheriff who has made outstanding contributions to traffic safety.

Purpose

To establish a prestigious national award to recognize an employee(s) who has made significant contributions or accomplishments directly related to highway safety.

Sponsorship

The United States Department of Transportation - National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, OnStar, and the NSA.

Awards Panel

The selection panel will be comprised of members of the NSA - Traffic Safety Committee.

Categories

An award will be given to an employee from any city/county Office of the Sheriff or any civilian within the nominating agencies jurisdiction.

Criteria

A. Development of Unique Law Enforcement/Community Traffic Safety Programs.

This is to recognize an employee (officer, deputy sheriff) from an Office of the Sheriff who has shown unusual initiative and imagination in developing and promulgating traffic safety programs. A Heroic or Meritorious service act involving a traffic safety function is acceptable within the category.

B. Special Award to Governmental or Private Individuals

The award panel may grant a special award to any individual who has made an outstanding contribution to highway safety.

Qualifications

Candidates must be a full-time paid officer, deputy sheriff from a city/county Office of the Sheriff.

The employer or civilian being nominated must have contributed to the highway safety program in their governmental agency. Long years of service are a consideration but not the determining factor. The quality of the service or program is the essential factor.

The individual must first be nominated by a law enforcement agency, traffic safety group or official, and second, must be a full-time paid employee of a city/county Office of the Sheriff.

An individual from either the public or private sector, who has also made a significant contribution to highway safety would also be eligible for this award. This special award is designed to recognize the individual efforts of government employees, such as traffic engineers, educators, judges, prosecutors, motor vehicle examiners, etc., who have also made outstanding contributions to highway safety programs and issues.

Nominations are due by May 1, 2016, application can found at www.sheriffs.org. Contact Ed Hutchison, Traffic Safety Project Director at 703.838.5326 or ehutchison@sheriffs.org.

Triple Crown Award

The Triple Crown Award was established by NSA to recognize those sheriff's offices, which achieve simultaneous accreditation from the Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, the American Correctional Association's Commission on Accreditation for Corrections and the National Commission on Correctional Healthcare. Achieving these accreditations individually is a daunting task. Acquiring all three at the same time is an extraordinary feat. In fact, the Triple Crown distinction is so rare, that since the establishment of the award in 1993, fewer than 50 sheriffs' offices have qualified.

In addition, at the 2007 Winter Conference, the Awards Committee and NSA Board of Directors decided that sheriff's offices that were prior Triple Crown Award recipients would again be eligible for the award, when achieving simultaneous reaccreditation under the leadership of a new sheriff.

Medal of Valor

The Medal of Valor is given for an act of outstanding personal bravery, intelligently performed, in the line of duty at imminent personal hazard of life.

Medal of Merit

The Medal of Merit is given for a contribution to your community, and to the Field of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

Purple Heart

The Purple Heart is given for having sustained personal injury, in the intelligent performance of duty, inflicted by an assailant with a dangerous and deadly weapon.

These awards are given throughout the year. To nominate an individual contact Ross Mirmelstein, Director, Conferences & Exhibits at 703.838.5321 or rossmir@sheriffs.org.

FERRIS E. LUCAS AWARD

SHERIFF OF THE YEAR

Name of nominating agency or person (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Nominee: Sheriff _____

_____ Sheriff's Office

Nominee's address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

I certify that the above named candidate for the NSA Sheriff of the Year Award for 2016 is the Sheriff of the:

_____ Sheriff's Office.

(Name & Title of nominating person)

(Signature of nominating person)

(Date)



CHARLES "BUD" MEEKS AWARD DEPUTY SHERIFF OF THE YEAR

Name of nominating agency or person (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Nominee: _____

_____ Sheriff's Office

Title (rank) of Nominee: _____

Nominee's address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

I certify that the above named candidate for the NSA Deputy Sheriff of the Year Award for 2016 is a full-time sheriff/officer of the: _____ Sheriff's Office.

(Signature of nominating Sheriff - **MANDATORY**)

(Date)



LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER POST ADVISOR AWARD

Name of nominating agency or person (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Nominee: _____

_____ Sheriff's Office

Title (rank) of Nominee: _____

Nominee's address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

I certify that the above named candidate for the NSA Law Enforcement Explorer Post Advisor Award for 2016 is a full-time paid employee of the: _____ Sheriff's Office.

(Signature of nominating Sheriff - **MANDATORY**)

(Date)



CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR

Name of nominating agency or person (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Nominee: _____ Sheriff's Office

Title (rank) of Nominee: _____

Nominee's address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

I certify that the above named candidate for the NSA Chaplain of the Year Award for 2016 is a full or part time employee/volunteer of the: _____ Sheriff's Office.

(Signature of nominating Sheriff - **MANDATORY**)

(Date)



CORRECTIONS/JAIL INNOVATIONS AWARD OF THE YEAR

Name of nominating agency or person (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Nominee: _____

_____ Sheriff's Office

Title (rank) of Nominee: _____

Nominee's address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

I certify that the above named candidate for the NSA Corrections/Jail Innovation of the Year Award for 2016 is a full or part time employee of the: _____ Sheriff's Office.

(Signature of nominating Sheriff - **MANDATORY**)

(Date)



COURT SECURITY AGENCY/PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

Name of nominating agency or person (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Nominee: _____

_____ Sheriff's Office

Title (rank) of Nominee: _____

Nominee's address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

I certify that the above named candidate for the NSA Court Security Agency/Professional of the Year Award for 2016 is a full or part time employee of the: _____ Sheriff's Office.

(Signature of nominating Sheriff - **MANDATORY**)

(Date)



RESERVE DEPUTY OF THE YEAR AWARD

Name of nominating agency or person (please print): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Nominee: _____

_____ Sheriff's Office

Title (rank) of Nominee: _____

Nominee's address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

I certify that the above named candidate for the NSA Reserve Deputy of the Year Award for 2016 is a voluntary employee of the: _____ Sheriff's Office.

(Signature of nominating Sheriff - **MANDATORY**)

(Date)

