

Texas Commission on Law Enforcement



2015 State of Texas Law Enforcement Achievement Awards Nomination Packet

Each year, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) accepts nominations for the annual Law Enforcement Achievement Awards.

Created by Senate Bill 992 in 1989, the awards are presented to qualified selected peace officers, reserve law enforcement officers, jailers, or telecommunicators who are licensed by TCOLE. Nominees should exceed the normal expectations of job performance through acts of professional achievement, public service, or valor.

The commission may present awards relating to not more than a total of 20 incidents and accomplishments each year.

This means that the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) is authorized to present achievement awards to the individuals in twenty separate events and/or accomplishments. This facilitates group as well as individual nominations in the categories of Professional Achievement, Public Service, or Valor.

The nominations must be submitted by an elected official of the state, an elected official of a political subdivision, an administrator of a law enforcement agency, or a person holding a current license issued by TCOLE.

The deadline for nominations is December 31, 2015
Please return this packet to:

Law Enforcement Achievement Awards

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Commission Rules

Texas Administrative Code, Title 37, Part VII

§211.33. Law Enforcement Achievement Awards.

- (a) The commission shall issue achievement awards to qualified peace officers, reserve law enforcement officers, jailers, or telecommunications licensed by the commission and; hereinafter, will be referred to as the nominees. A nominee for the achievement award must meet the following criteria:
- (1) must have maintained, on a continuous basis, an average job performance during the individual's employment or appointment;
 - (2) must have exhibited relevant characteristics of the following:
 - (A) valor - an act of personal heroism or bravery which exceeds the normal expectations of job performance, such as placing one's own life in jeopardy to save another person's life, prevent serious bodily injury to another, or prevent the consequences of a criminal act;
 - (B) public service - when an individual, through initiative, creates or participates in a program or system which has a significant positive impact on the general population of a community which would exceed the normal expectations of job performance; or
 - (C) professional achievement - when an individual, through personal initiative, fixity of purpose, persistence, or endeavor, creates a program or system which has a significant positive impact on the law enforcement profession which would exceed the normal expectations of job performance;
 - (3) must have held a license at the time the qualifying act was performed;
 - (4) shall not ever have had a license suspended, revoked, cancelled, or voluntarily surrendered; and
 - (5) must not be in violation of Occupations Code, Chapter 1701 or rules of the commission.
- (b) The nominations/recommendations for the achievement awards shall be filed as follows:
- (1) received by the commission on or before December 31st of each year;
 - (2) must have been submitted by one of the following:
 - (A) an elected official of the state;
 - (B) an elected official of a political subdivision;
 - (C) an administrator of a law enforcement agency; or
 - (D) any person holding a current license issued by the commission; and
 - (3) shall be supported by acceptable evidence of the nominee's qualifications for the award. Such evidence may consist of evaluations, police reports, newspaper TCOLE Rules clippings, eyewitness accounts, or other valid, confirmable evidence, consisting of certified copies of documents and sworn affidavits.
- (c) A committee shall be appointed by the executive director for the purpose of reviewing recommendations. Upon completion of the review, the committee will forward to the executive director nominees for consideration. The executive director will provide a list to the commissioners who will then make the final determination of who merits awards at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- (d) The effective date of this section is February 1, 2014

**Texas Commission on Law Enforcement
Law Enforcement Achievement Award Nomination
One Page for Each Nominee
(Attach additional copies, if needed)**

Nominee's Information

Officer's Name: _____ Position/Title: _____

Officer's Dept./Agency: _____ Phone: _____

Dept. Substation: _____

Dept. Mailing Address: _____

Officer's E-mail: _____ PID Number: _____

Nominator's Information

Nominated By: _____ Position/Title: _____

Nominator's Dept./Agency: _____ Phone: _____

Nominator's Address: _____

Nominator's E-mail: _____ PID Number: _____

Award Recommended (Check Only One Category)

- Professional Achievement
- Public Service
- Valor

Job Performance

Has this nominee maintained, on a continuous basis, an average job performance during the individual's employment or appointment? Yes No

On what do you base the above answer?

AWARD CRITERIA

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Criteria: When an individual through personal initiative, fixity of purpose, persistence, or endeavor creates a program or system, which has a significant positive impact on the law enforcement profession, which could exceed the normal expectations of a job performance.

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Criteria: When an individual, through initiative, creates or participates in a program or system, which has a significant positive impact on the general population of a community, which would exceed the normal expectations of job performance.

VALOR AWARD

Criteria: An act of personal heroism or bravery which exceeds the normal expectations of a job performance, such as placing one's own life in jeopardy to save another person's life, preventing serious bodily injury to another, or preventing the consequences of a criminal act.

Describe in specific detail how this nominee or nominees meet the criteria for this category during the current year. Attach any helpful supporting documentation such as police reports, sworn statements, newspaper accounts, and letters of recommendation.
(Attach additional pages if needed.)

Describe how each nominee contributed to this situation or accomplishment.
(Attach additional pages if needed.)

Signature of Nominator: _____

Title: _____

Date of Nomination: _____