



General Order

Department of Fire & EMS

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Subject: Annual Chamber of Commerce Awards

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The annual Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Awards Ceremony will be held on May 13, 2024, with a breakfast at the Pleasant Valley Social Hall. With the advent of DFEMS the awards committee has changed their policy such that all awards will be submitted through the agency. Accordingly, the awards and criteria for Fire/EMS personnel are listed below.

I would encourage all personnel both volunteer and career to submit awards for consideration. These awards will cover the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. I am aware of many significant incidents that occurred with many individual actions that will meet the criteria. All submissions should be sent to cwilliams@carrollcountymd.gov no later than 1000 hours on Monday, March 25, 2024. The submissions will be reviewed for correct formatting and will then be forwarded to the chamber's committee for review and selection. Those selected will then be contacted and will be provided a ticket for the breakfast and ceremony. Companies with members receiving awards are encouraged to purchase tables and individual tickets will be available for \$35 each. See the attached for information. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.



Chamber of Commerce Annual Public Safety Awards Program

Nominations are now being accepted for the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Annual Public Safety Awards Program. This is a great opportunity for agency personnel to be recognized for the hard work, bravery, and dedication they have demonstrated over the course of the **2023 Calendar Year**.

In order to be eligible for award consideration, nominations must be submitted through the appropriate chain of command to the Chamber no later than **4:30 PM** hours on **March 25, 2024**. An online nomination form can be found on the Chamber's website www.CarrollCountyChamber.org - Special Events – Carroll County Public Safety Awards.

*Please keep in mind that the award selection committee will most likely be made up of individuals who may not be familiar with public safety terminology/protocols. Please provide a detailed account of the incident/performance and why it is deserving of the award or acknowledgment. Therefore, please use common language and be as descriptive as possible when writing the nomination narrative. **The narrative should be chronological, clear and concise. Do not submit a resume. Recommendation: Write the narrative in Word then, copy and paste into the online form.**

The award selection committee reserves the right to consider any nomination for an award other than the one for which the nomination is submitted when the nomination is more suited to the criteria for that award.

Following is the award criteria for each award that will be evaluated by the Chamber and then presented at their 8th Annual Public Safety Awards Program on Monday, May 13, 2024 from 8:00am-10:00am at the Pleasant Valley Fire Hall.

Gold Medal of Valor

This award may be given to an individual who has courageously risked his/her safety and/or life under extremely hazardous conditions to save another while operating within standard operating procedures.

Silver Medal of Bravery

This award may be given to an individual who worked under hazardous (not extreme) conditions, with disregard for his/her own personal safety, while working within standard operating procedures, in an attempt to save another.

Bronze Medal of Outstanding Performance

This award may be given to an individual who placed himself or herself under unusual personal risk and/or went above and beyond the call of duty during or after an emergency response. This may include personal risk or unusual duties not normally required.

Life-Saving Award

This award may be given to an individual directly responsible for the saving of a human life and shall be issued to personnel whose actions, skills, and knowledge in the application of pre-hospital emergency medical care were vital to saving a life.



Distinguished Achievement Award

This award may be given to an individual for a credible accomplishment or for commendable service that has positively affected his/her unit, their agency, or the citizens we serve. The nominee for this award should have above-average evaluations and should not have been the subject of any significant disciplinary action for at least a 3-year period.

Supervisor of the Year

This award may be given to an officer who best exemplifies the conduct that is required of a supervisor. The officer will have demonstrated that he/she was an inspiration to his/her subordinates, peers and superiors, while demonstrating outstanding traits, knowledge, and performance that enhances the image of their agency.

Correctional Officer of the Year

This award may be given to an individual nominated by his/her co-workers and **approved by the agency head** as most deserving. Each nomination will include the nominee's name and a detailed description of why he/she is deserving of the award.

Civilian Meritorious Service Award

This award may be given to an individual nominated by his/her co-workers and **approved by the agency head** as most deserving. Each nomination will include the nominee's name and a detailed description of why he/she is deserving of the award.

Career Fire/EMS of the Year

This award may be given to an individual nominated by his/her co-workers and **approved by the agency head** as most deserving. Each nomination will include the nominee's name and a detailed description of why he/she is deserving of the award.

Volunteer Fire/EMS of the Year

This award may be given to an individual nominated by his/her co-workers and **approved by the agency head** as most deserving. Each nomination will include the nominee's name and a detailed description of why he/she is deserving of the award.

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

This award may be given to an individual nominated by his/her co-workers and **approved by the agency head** as most deserving. Each nomination will include the nominee's name and a detailed description of why he/she is deserving of the award.

State's Attorney Outstanding Achievement Award

This award may be given to an individual nominated by his/her co-workers and **approved by the agency head** as most deserving. Each nomination will include the nominee's name and a detailed description of why he/she is deserving of the award.

Emergency Communications Specialist

This award may be given to an individual nominated by his/her co-workers and **approved by the agency head** as most deserving. Each nomination will include the nominee's name and a detailed description of why he/she is deserving of the award.



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Dear Carroll County Business Owner,

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce is comprised of almost 700 local business members and we are celebrating our 100th anniversary this year. Our focus has always been to strengthen the community through promoting local businesses and conducting amazing events throughout Carroll County.

In keeping with this mission, the Chamber is proud to recognize the men and women who bravely serve and protect Carroll County citizens. Since 2017, through our annual Public Safety Awards, we recognize the efforts of our Law Enforcement, Fire & Rescue Personnel, and Emergency Responders with a celebratory event. We honor the people who often put their lives on the line for each of us every day.

This year our Public Safety Awards are being coordinated through our new 501c3 Foundation and we need you to partner with us by attending the event and, if possible, by sponsoring. Awards and recognition are given out in numerous categories, including: Gold Medal of Valor, Life Saving, Officer of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Distinguished Achievement Award, and a host of other categories. The 2024 Public Safety Awards is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 13, 2024 from 8-10 AM at the Pleasant Valley Fire Hall. We ask that you consider sponsoring this event and helping us to thank the people who so often work thankless jobs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike McMullin".

Mike McMullin
President/CEO
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Foundation

PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS

EVENT DATE: MAY 13 • SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE: APRIL 29

EVENT INFORMATION

Since 2017, the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce has been proud to recognize the men and women who bravely serve and protect Carroll County through our Public Safety Awards. Each year, we recognize the efforts of our Law Enforcement, Fire & Rescue Personnel and Emergency Responders. These are the people who often put their lives on the line for each of us, every day. Awards and recognition are given out in numerous categories, including: Officer of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Distinguished Achievement Award and Life Saving Award.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES & BENEFITS

Diamond Sponsor

\$5,000 (Unlimited Available)

- Table of 8
- Company to be recognized on stage and hand out one award
- Company Logo, Name, Link on Event Registration Page
- Company Logo on Event Slideshow
- Company Logo and Name included in printed program
- Company Logo on Table Signage

Gold Sponsor

\$2,000 (Unlimited Available)

- 4 Event Tickets
- Company Logo, Name, Link on Event Registration Page
- Company Logo on Event Slideshow
- Company Logo and Name included in printed program
- Company Logo on Table Signage

Silver Sponsor

\$1,500 (Unlimited Available)

- 4 Event Tickets
- Company Name on Event Registration Page
- Company Name on Event Slideshow
- Company Name included in printed program
- Company Logo on Table Signage

Bronze Sponsor

\$1,000 (Unlimited Available)

- 3 Event Tickets
- Company Name on Event Registration Page
- Company Name on Event Slideshow
- Company Name included in printed program

Brass Sponsor

\$500 (Unlimited Available)

- 2 Event Tickets
- Company Name on Event Registration Page
- Company Name included in printed program





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PUBLIC SAFETY AWARDS

MAY 13, 2024

8-10 AM

Pleasant Valley Fire Hall

