



# General Order

## Department of Fire & EMS

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**Subject:** Commendations Board

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Effective with this order, the Department of Fire & EMS has established a Commendations Board. This five-member board will be representative of all interests of the department. We had previously invited participation from members of the identified groups. The initial appointed membership is as follows:

1. **FROPS:** AC Marques Price - Chief 3-1
2. **ESAC:** Scott Dickson - Citizen representative
3. **CCVESA:** Captain Todd Tracey - Station 13
4. **IAFF/5184:** Lt. Michael Karolenko - President
5. **DFEMS:** FF/EMT Cole Cleckner - Station 1

A chair will be elected internally, and this group will develop award types, criteria, and design of both heroic as well as merit awards. An SOP will then be drafted, and the goal will be to begin an annual awards cycle based on the calendar year. This group will not supplant company level, Chamber of Commerce or other awards, but will standardize DFEMS awards as an independent group and will investigate and validate these awards as submitted. All DFEMS career and volunteer personnel will be eligible as well as citizens for citizen recognition awards.

The board's intent will be to have an SOP, award types, a submission form developed and to begin soliciting awards for CY-24 beginning in January of 2025. The goal would be to hold the first annual DFEMS awards event in the Spring of 2025. The objective of this program is to provide recognition for achievement at various levels and to create an Esprit de Corps within the organization.