



2017-2018 Elk's Firefighter of the Year Award

We are looking for an individual who exemplifies the character, commitment and compassion that are hallmarks of the firefighter profession.

Purpose of Award: Outstanding Citizenship and Exemplary Job Achievement. The winner will receive an engraved plaque and a donation of \$500 will be made in his/her name to a charity of their selection.

CRITERIA:

- A firefighter can be nominated for any courageous action;
- A firefighter can also be nominated for outstanding citizenship (i.e., activities by a firefighter to better his/her department and community at large) or exemplary job achievement (i.e., lecturing at schools on fire safety, setting up a program of fire inspections, fund raising);
- The nominee should be a positive role model committed to a healthy lifestyle;
- The nominee has been identified as someone who has gone "above and beyond" their normal duties; someone who has made a difference;
- Nominee must have the support of his/her superiors and considered a representation of the character and commitment of the firefighters in Sonoma County; and
- The nomination must be for an action that took place between October, 2015 and October, 2016.

AWARD RULES:

- The nominee must be employed by an agency within Region 9.
- The nomination must be received in narrative form and include endorsements and recommendations from appropriate sources (i.e., Departments, Governments, citizens). The quality and quantity of endorsements and recommendations will be considered.
- Photographs of the event(s) for which the nominee was involved may be submitted, as well as fire department Incident Reports or newspaper clippings.
- Nominations must be submitted on an individual basis only and on official letterhead or department stationary with the Firefighter of the Year Nomination Form attached.
- All nominations must be received by November 1, 2016. The winner will be announced at the Spring, 2017 Firefighter Appreciation dinner at the Petaluma Elks Lodge #901 (estimated to be sometime in February).