

BIGGERSVILLE FIRE & RESCUE

- SERVICE RECOGNITION AND AWARD PROGRAM -

PURPOSE

Awards in the form of Ribbons, Citations and Commendations may be bestowed upon members of Biggersville Fire & Rescue for actions, accomplishments and achievements, both on and off duty, that reflect positively upon the member and that are in keeping with highest and noblest traditions of the fire service.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee shall be comprised of the current elected five (5) Officers of the department. The purpose of this committee shall be to oversee the selection of members nominated for Conduct/Service Awards. This committee shall meet as needed to oversee and pass judgment on the merits of nominations, to plan and prepare formal award ceremonies. If a member of this committee has been nominated for an award, the Chief shall appoint a proxy to act in their place to offer and objective review of the criteria.

NOMINATION PROCEEDURE

Any member of Biggersville Fire & Rescue may nominate another member is good standing for an award or commendation. This shall happen when a member had performed an act of rendered service that qualifies for recognition. The following procedure shall be followed:

- A written nomination will be submitted on a Award Nomination Form.
- The nomination will be forwarded through the chain of command to the Chief accompanied by any comments or additional facts.
- The Award Committee will meet and review the information as presented. Upon a majority vote of the committee, the award may be prepared.
- Preparation of the award will include the purchase of the ribbon and printing of a certificate by the department Secretary.
- Written appeals regarding recommendations shall be forwarded to the Chief. The Chief shall determine the final disposition of appeals.

PROTOCOL FOR WEARING AWARDS

Members who receive department awards should wear them; they are an outward representation of your accomplishments and as such reflect positively upon you and Biggersville Fire & Rescue. Members who knowingly misrepresent themselves by wearing an award that they are not entitled to wear shall be subject to department discipline. members shall not purchase or wear any award without authorization from the Chief. Awards shall be worn on Class A or Class B Uniforms only as outlined in the Uniform section of the department bylaws.

CONDUCT/SERVICE AWARDS



CHIEF'S CROSS - The highest and most prestigious award given by Biggersville Fire & Rescue. Awarded for extraordinary heroism, conspicuous gallantry, bravery at the risk of life, above and beyond the call of duty in action involving either fire ground operations or emergency medical services in keeping with the highest traditions of the fire service. A member may not be nominated for this award. This award can only be given under order of the Chief.



VALOR - Awarded to a member for an act of bravery or heroism within the member's scope of training and duty, in action involving either fire ground operations or emergency medical services.



MERITOUS CONDUCT - Awarded to a member for exceptional meritous conduct in service to their community. Any member may nominate another member in good standing for this award. Nominations may also be made by the public.



NATIONAL SERVICE - Awarded to a member for contributory support as a department member to a national emergency, crisis or request for aid.



FIRE PREVENTION/SAFETY - Awarded for active participation instructing a forum of the community in fire prevention and/or safety techniques. This is usually accomplished through participation in the Nat'l Fire Prevention Week at Biggersville Schools or surrounding areas.



INSTRUCTOR - Awarded to members that act in a professional instructor role within the department. This role may be of general knowledge or focused training classes.



LIFE SAVING - Awarded to members for acts performed within the scope of their training and duty, which directly contributed to the saving of a life. This award shall be given upon the successful application of CPR, the Heimlich Maneuver, etc.



PAST CHIEF - Awarded to members who have honorably served as Chief of Biggersville Fire & Rescue for a minimum period of twelve (12) months or a full term of office as defined by the Department By-laws.



PAST OFFICER - Awarded to members who have honorably served as an Officer , other than Chief, of Biggersville Fire & Rescue for a minimum period of twelve (12) months or a full term of office as defined by the Department By-laws.



MILITARY SERVICE - Awarded to members who actively or have honorably served as a member of the United States Armed Forces.

TRAINING AWARDS



LEVEL I CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER - Awarded to members that have completed the Level I Certified Volunteer Program through the Mississippi State Fire Academy.



LEVEL II CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER - Awarded to members that have completed the Level II Certified Volunteer Program through the Mississippi State Fire Academy.



NFPA 1001 - Awarded to members that have completed the 1001 Program through the Mississippi State Fire Academy.



ADVANCED FIRE TRAINING - Awarded to members that have completed a high level of fire science training through the Mississippi State Fire Academy that exceed the requirements for the NFPA 1001 Program. (i.e.: Smoke Diver)



INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM - Awarded to members who complete the ICS programs offers through FEMA and display a working understanding of the ICS system in the performance of their duties. (*ICS-100.b, ICS-200.b, ICS-700.a and ICS-800.b* must be completed.)



SEARCH & RESCUE/C.E.R.T. - Awarded to members that have completed advanced Search & Rescue Training or completion of the C.E.R.T. program through the local Emergency Management Agency.



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Awarded to members that have completed the level of HAZMAT Awareness or above through the Mississippi State Fire Academy.



STORM SPOTTER - Awarded to members that successfully complete Storm Spotter training offered through the National Weather Service.



COMMUNICATIONS - Awarded to members that have received advanced communications training such as Basic Telecommunication or EMD.



ENGINEER - Awarded to members that have completed the Rural Apparatus Operator Program through the Mississippi State Fire Academy.



RESCUE DIVER - Awarded to members who have completed a PADI, NAUI or equivalent approved dive course that could be utilized in the rescue and/or recovery of marine or underwater operations.



CPR/FIRST AID - Awarded to members for the successful completion of an American Heart Association or American Red Cross approved CPR & Basic First Aid Program.



MEDICAL TRAINING - Awarded to members who have achieved an advanced level of medical training beyond CPR/Basic First Aid such as First Responder, EMT-Basic, Paramedic, etc.



AUTOMOBILE EXTRICATION - Awarded to members that have completed the Automobile Extrication Program through the Mississippi State Fire Academy.