

The BCFVA shall recognize members annually with the following awards:

A. Hall of Fame:

1. Purpose: The Hall of Fame Award was established to provide a permanent form of recognition for individuals, living or deceased, who have provided meritorious service or extra ordinary achievement to the Baltimore County Volunteer FireFighter's Association or its member companies.
2. Recognition: All inductees will have their name engraved on a suitable Hall of Fame Award plaque located in the BCFVA headquarters. A certificate and a lapel pin will be awarded to each individual and a photograph and article will be submitted to the appropriate local newspaper. Presentation of the award will be made at the annual Awards Banquet of the BCFVA.
3. Eligibility: The following criteria must be met to be eligible for the Hall of Fame Award:
 - a. Nominee must have a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of service in a member company of the BCFVA. The Committee may, at their discretion, induct into the Hall of Fame Posthumously, someone with fifteen years or more service who meets all other requirements.
 - b. Nominee must be a member of good standing in a member company of the BCFVA.
 - c. Members are automatically inducted if killed in the line of duty. This does not affect the limit of inductees.
 - d. Past Presidents of the Association as of September 19, 2002 who have not been inducted in the Hall of Fame will be inducted at the Awards Banquet. Thereafter, Presidents of the Association will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Awards Banquet following the completion of their term of office. Past Presidents do not affect the limit of inductees.
4. Qualifications: The following criteria will be considered when reviewing nominees:
 - a. Performance of distinguished service to the BCFVA for an extended period of time.
 - b. Performance of distinguished service to the nominees' member company for an extended period of time.
 - c. Provided exceptional performance while in an elected or appointed position of the BCFVA or member company.
5. Selection: For the period of 2001 thru 2005 no more than 30 individuals will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Beginning in 2006 and each year thereafter, no more than ten individuals will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. The selections will be made by the Hall of Fame Awards Committee by the August meeting of the BCFVA. A quorum of five Hall of Fame Awards Committee members must be present and the nominees must receive a majority of the votes to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. If there are less than ten nominees submitted by the organization, the Hall of Fame Awards Committee may select an individual who qualifies for the award. The Hall of Fame Committee's decision is final for the selection process and is not obligated to select the maximum number of inductees allowed in a given year.

6. Nominations may be made by the BCVFA member companies, the BCVFA Executive Committee and the Hall of Fame Committee members (Hall of Fame Committee members cannot nominate committee members). There is no limit to the number of times an individual may be nominated.
7. All nominations shall be submitted on an application awards form and provided to the Awards Committee no later than March 1st of each year.
8. All applications must be signed by both the President and Senior Operations Officer.

B. Edwin Emkey Jr. Cadet Award

1. Must be a member in good standing of a Juniors Program of any member company/department of the Baltimore County Volunteer FireFighter's Association.
2. Nominee shall be between the ages of 6 through 15 and must maintain a passing grade in all classes.
3. Application shall indicate the number of meetings attended, required training attended, details/functions attended for the company and county, and Fire Prevention activities.
4. Additional outstanding accomplishments that you feel makes the nominee eligible for this award may be included.
5. All nominations shall be submitted on an application awards form and provided to the Awards Committee no later than March 1st of each year.
6. All applications must be signed by both the President and Senior Operations Officer.

C. Edwin F. Preston Service Award

1. Purpose of Award: Recognition of fifty (50) years of continuous and faithful service
2. Award Sponsor: Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department
3. Award Administration: BCVFA Hall of Fame Committee
4. Background: This award was established by the Arbutus Volunteer Fire department and accepted by the Baltimore county Volunteer FireFighter's Association (BCVFA) Executive Board in 2007
5. Award Criteria and Rules:
 - a. The Edwin F. Preston Award is to be awarded to a living individual selected by the BCVFA as deserving this honor. Such individual shall have at least but not less than 50 years of continued and faithful service to organizations within the BCVFA.
 - b. A plaque with the Award date, name of the recipient, and home company inscribed thereon and will be displayed in a proper place as determined by the BCVFA.
 - c. All nominations shall be submitted on an application awards form and provided to the Awards Committee no later than March 1st of each year.
 - d. All applications must be signed by both the President and Senior Operations Officer.

D. Gene Kirchner EMS Provider of the Year

1. Must be a member in good standing of any member company/department of the BCVFA
2. The Gene Kirchner EMS Provider of the Year Award will be presented to a member who has displayed an effort beyond the normal realm of operations.
3. They shall be someone whose services have benefited the citizens of Baltimore County and his/her member company.
4. All nominations shall be submitted on an application awards form and provided to the Awards Committee no later than March 1st of each year.
5. All applications must be signed by both the President and Senior Operations Officer.

E. Lee N. Sachs Executive Officer of the Year

1. The Lee N. Sachs Executive Officer of the year eligibility shall be from the elected Administrative Officers of the member company of the Baltimore County Volunteer FireFighter's Association (President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, or Financial Secretary). Others may be considered when the nomination is submitted with an explanation and job description of the elected position.
2. The nominee shall have displayed outstanding leadership within his or her company and made a significant change in function of the Company i.e. better moral, better financial condition, better fellowship, etc., or improved community relations through programs of awareness that have benefited the Company. The award is limited to the administrative officers as described above. The member may or may not be a riding member. The nominee may or may not be an officer in the Fire, Rescue, or EMS section of a company.
3. All nominations shall be submitted on an application awards form and provided to the Awards Committee no later than March 1st of each year.
4. All applications must be signed by both the President and Senior Operations Officer.

F. Firefighter of the Year

1. Must be a member in good standing of any member company/department of the Baltimore County Volunteer FireFighter's Association.
2. All nominations shall be submitted on an application awards form and provided to the Awards Committee no later than March 1st of each year.
3. All applications must be signed by both the President and Senior Operations Officer.

G. John T. Gosnell Administrative Achievement Award

1. Purpose of Award: Recognition of exemplary administrative contributions to the Baltimore County Fire Service, BCVFA, and the recipients Fire/EMS Company
2. Award Sponsor: The Family of John T. Gosnell and the BCVFA
3. Award Administration: BCVFA Awards Committee and a member of the Gosnell family.

4. Background: This award was established by the Family of John T. Gosnell and accepted by the BCVFA to honor and acknowledge his many years of dedicated service as chairperson of the Insurance Committee of the BCVFA and committee chair of the Maryland State Firemen's Association Insurance Advisory Committee.
5. Award Criteria and Rules:
 - a. A plaque with the Award date along with the name of the recipient and home company inscribed thereon and will be displayed in a proper place as determined by the BCVFA.
 - b. The Awardee will be presented a plaque at the BCVFA Annual Awards Banquet for their personal keepsake and remembrance.
 - c. All nominations shall be submitted on an application awards form and provided to the Awards Committee no later than March 1st of each year.
 - d. All applications must be signed by both the President and Senior Operations Officer.

H. The Mark G. Falkenhan Rescue Provider of the Year

1. Must be a member in good standing of any member company/department of the Baltimore County Volunteer FireFighter's Association.
2. Award will be given to the member or members who have displayed an exemplary effort in the extrication process or displayed an excellent command of the situation and through direction of the team achieved an extreme goal in the extrication process.
3. All nominations shall be submitted on an application awards form and provided to the Awards Committee no later than March 1st of each year.
4. All applications must be signed by both the President and Senior Operations Officer.

I. J. Donald Mooney Training Award

1. Purpose of Award: Recognition of an active individual member of the BCVFA who has strived to advance their knowledge through formal training in Fire, Rescue, and EMS operations. This award is for recognition of significant contributions towards the mission of the Fire Service, by an individual, as recommended by his/her respective company.
2. Award Sponsor: Baltimore County Volunteer FireFighter's Association.
3. Background: The J. Donald Mooney Training Award is based on the number of formal training hours of an active Fire, Rescue, and EMS member of the BCVFA. Training must be completed in the fiscal year prior to the award. The formal training hours shall consist of training courses offered by MFRI, MIEMSS, National fire Academy, Baltimore County Fire Department, and other recognized agencies as well.
4. Award Criteria and Rules:
 - a. Nominee must be a member in good standing from a member company or department of the Baltimore County Volunteer FireFighter's Association.

- b. A plaque with the Award date along, name of the recipient and home company inscribed thereon and will be displayed in a proper place as determined by the BCVFA.
- c. Training must be validated by a pocket card or certificate, and be verifiable as being completed in said fiscal year.
- d. The Awardee will be presented a plaque at the BCVFA Annual Awards Banquet for their personal keepsake and remembrance.
- e. All nominations shall be submitted on an application awards form and provided to the Awards Committee no later than March 1st of each year.
- f. All applications must be signed by both the President and Senior Operations Officer.

J. Lt. Kenneth B. Campbell Rookie of the Year

- 1. Must be a member in good standing of any member company/department of the Baltimore County Volunteer FireFighter's Association.
- 2. Junior/Cadet members of a company/department are not eligible for this award.
- 3. Nominee must be an active senior member and must have less than 24 months of active membership with the sponsoring member company/department.
- 4. All nominations shall be submitted on an application awards form and provided to the Awards Committee no later than March 1st of each year.
- 5. All applications must be signed by both the President and Senior Operations Officer.

K. President's Award

- 1. Purpose of Award: Recognition of an individual who, in the opinion of the BCVFA President, has provided significant support to the President and greatly contributed to the success of the Association.
- 2. Award Sponsor: Baltimore County Volunteer FireFighter's Association
- 3. Award Administration: BCVFA President
- 4. Background: This award was established to enable the BCVFA President to recognize a member who has tirelessly supported the initiatives of the President to further the success of the BCVFA.
- 5. Award Criteria and Rules:
 - a. Nominee must be a member in good standing from a member company or department of the Baltimore County Volunteer FireFighter's Association
 - b. A plaque with the Award date, name of the recipient and home company inscribed thereon and will be displayed in a proper place as determined by the BCVFA.
 - c. The Awardee will be presented a plaque at the BCVFA Annual Meeting for their personal keepsake and remembrance.