



Chamber of Commerce **5th Annual Public Safety Awards Program**

Nominations are now being accepted for the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce 5th 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 **2020 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 20, 2021**. An online nomination form and a printable nomination form can be found on the Chamber's website [www.carrollcountychamber](http://www.carrollcountychamber.com) - 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 5th Annual Public Safety Awards Program on Monday, May 10, 2021 from 8:00am-10:00am at Martin's Westminster.

The following are eligible for these awards **(Law Enforcement Officer, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Fighter/Rescue Personnel, Dispatch, State's Attorney, Correctional Officer, and Campus Safety Officer.**

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.

First Responder of the Year (One award will be given in each career: Law Enforcement Officer, Correctional Officer, Fire Fighter, EMS, Dispatcher, Prosecutor & Campus Safety Officer)
This award may be given to an individual nominated by his/her 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.