



**The American Legion
Department of Michigan
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award**



Purpose of Award: To recognize a well-rounded Michigan Law Enforcement Officer, who has exceeded, above and beyond, the duty requirements expected of their position and has demonstrated a distinct pattern of community service coupled with professional achievement. Episodes of heroism will, of course, also be included where noted.

Material: Enclose relevant documentation on the nominee in the following areas: community service, professional career, heroism, letters of recognition, news clippings, and other substantiating documentation. Documentation should not to exceed 18 one-sided pages, on 8x11 bond paper. The first six or seven pages should contain the individual's service narrative. Include a copy of your nominee's State or Federal certification as a law enforcement officer, as well as copies of pertinent training and education certificates as appropriate. The additional pages may include supporting citations and other documentation to include press articles.

Photograph: Include a 5 x 7 photograph of the nominee

Deadline: **January 11th, 2021**

Mail To: The American Legion Department of Michigan
Attn: Law Offer of the Year
212 North Verlinden Avenue, Ste. A
Lansing, Michigan 48915

Notification of Nominee: Advancing nominee to National will be notified by mail.

Eligibility Criteria: To be eligible for consideration, Department nominees must meet the following criteria:

- A. Be a citizen of the United States, male or female.
- B. Be a living, active, full-time and paid, sworn law enforcement officer entrusted with full authority and the powers of arrest.
- C. Consideration for a posthumous award will be acceptable only if the nominee's death has occurred after the Department's selection and within the dates for which the award is being presented.
- D. Be assigned to, or fully recognized by, Municipal (City), County, District or State Police (e.g. University Police, etc.) or Highway Patrol, Sheriff's office, or as a sworn Federal Law Enforcement officer (e.g., FBI or Secret Service Agent, United States Federal Marshal, National Park Police, Capital Police, etc.)
- E. Nominee need not be a veteran or a member of The American Legion.
- F. Reside and be assigned or attached for duty in Michigan.
- G. Military police officers or investigators are eligible for participation in this award provided they are state law enforcement certified.

JUDGING GUIDELINES:

Each nominee is judged according to the following criteria: community service, professional career, heroism, letters of recognition, news clippings, and other substantiating documentation.



The American Legion Department of Michigan Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Nomination Form



Date _____

Name _____ Male Female

Home Address _____

City _____ State MI Zip _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Email Address _____

Age _____ Marital Status _____ Spouse's Name _____

Length of Service as Law Enforcement Officer _____

Nominating Agency Name _____

Nominating Agency Director _____ Title _____

Nominee's Supervisor _____ Title _____

Email Address of Nominee's Supervisor _____

Agency Address _____

City _____ State Michigan Zip _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Michigan Legion Post Associated with Nomination _____

Post Contact Name: _____ Email/Phone: _____

FAILURE to use this form will result in the **DISQUALIFICATION** of your nominee. It should be placed as the **COVER SHEET** for your 'packet' of materials supporting your candidate. Include an official 5 X 7 photograph of the nominee. The **ORIGINAL COPY** of the entire application is **DUE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 11th, 2021**, to **The American Legion, Department of Michigan, Attn: Law Officer of the Year, 212 North Verlinden Avenue, Ste. A, Lansing, Michigan, 48915.**