The Michigan American Legion
Department 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 exceed 18 one-sided pages, on 8 ½ x 11 bond paper – 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. 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 10th, 2020

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

Notification of Nominee: Advancing nominee to National will be notified by email address

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.
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Application Form

Date___________________

Name ___________________________________ Male □  Female □

Home Address__________________________________________________________

City_______________________________ State_____ 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 10th, 2020, to The American Legion, Department of Michigan, Attn: Law Officer of the Year, 212 North Verlinden Avenue, Ste. A, Lansing, Michigan, 48915.