

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.

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. Reside and be assigned or attached for duty in Michigan.

Nominee need not be a veteran or a member of The American Legion.

Nomination Packet Contents: All nomination packets must include the following supporting materials.

- A. Completed Cover Sheet (Nomination Form)
- B. 5 x 7 photograph
- C. Narrative:
 - No more than 6 pages (including letters of recommendation)
 - One-sided
 - Describes his/her outstanding service
- D. Backup documentation:
 - One-sided
 - No more than 12 pages
 - Must include his/her state or federal certification
 - Examples: Letters of support from city, county, and state officials, newspaper articles; other letters of commendation; citations, certificates of training, etc.

Deadline: **January 9, 2026**

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

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
2025-26 Nomination Form



Title:_____ First Name:_____ Last Name_____

Male ☐ Female ☐ Email Address:_____

Home Address:_____

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

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: MI Zip_____ Phone: (____)____-_____

American 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 9, 2026, to:**

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

OR

Email: legion@michiganlegion.org
Attached photo and application
to email along with any supporting
documentation.