



SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHERS

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2012 Dispatcher Appreciation Awards Banquet Award Nominations

The San Diego Association of Public Safety Dispatchers (APSD) will be presenting awards on April 14th, 2012 at the 2012 Dispatcher Appreciation Awards Banquet in the categories listed below. The following outlines nomination requirements, eligibility, and selection criteria for each award.

Award Categories

DISPATCHER OF THE YEAR

This category will recognize an individual dispatcher who has contributed significantly to the profession of public safety dispatching during the prior calendar year.

Evidence of a significant contribution may be, but is not limited to, exemplary performance on a consistent basis, or substantial efforts made to better the profession through training or innovation.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER OF THE YEAR

This category will recognize the center that has performed most admirably over the past calendar year.

Reasons for recognition can vary from overcoming substantial personnel issues, innovative approaches to dispatching, or a single event in which the center worked together to further public safety.

This award will consist of a plaque that can be displayed in the winning communications center, along with certificates for all dispatchers from the winning agency.

INCIDENT OF THE YEAR

This category will recognize a single dispatcher or a team of dispatchers who performed well during a significant event or incident.

Each dispatcher involved in the incident will receive a plaque and/or certificate.

SUPERVISORY LEADERSHIP AWARD

This category will recognize an individual manager, supervisor, or lead dispatcher who has consistently exhibited traits and values that exemplify leadership within the communications center.

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SUPERVISORY LEADERSHIP AWARD (continued)

Examples of leadership traits and values can include, but is not limited to, integrity, fairness, visionary, innovative, dedication, serving as a role model, inspiring others, mentoring and coaching others, building and maintaining trust, or recognizing the good work of others.

To be eligible for this award, nominees must have been a manager, supervisor, lead dispatcher, or similar classification having the authority and responsibility for directing and supervising the actions of dispatch personnel and operations within the communications center during the prior calendar year.

Eligibility

- Nominees must have been employed as a dispatcher for a public safety agency in San Diego County at any time between January 1st, 2011 and December 31st, 2011.

Nomination Process

All nominations must be submitted on the forms provided. The forms must be legibly printed or typewritten. Nomination forms can be obtained from any APSD Officer, Director at Large or by visiting the San Diego Association of Public Safety Dispatchers website (<http://www.apsdonline.org/2012awards>).

Any person can submit a nomination. More than one nomination can be submitted by any one individual. There is no limit to the number of dispatchers nominated from one agency. A dispatcher can be nominated for more than one category. A separate nomination form must be completed for each category the dispatcher is nominated for.

Nominations must be received by 5:00 PM February 17th, 2012. Postmarks will not be accepted.

Nominations can be submitted to an APSD Executive Officer, sent via U.S. Mail, emailed, or faxed to:

APSD
ATTN: Award Nomination
5663 Balboa Ave. #387
San Diego, CA
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Fax Submission: 619.342.7344
Email Submission: president@sdapsd.org



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Selection Process

An Awards Selection Committee will review all nominations for each category and rank nominees in each category. The nominee with the highest rankings will be selected as the recipient of that award category.

The Awards Selection Committee will be comprised of either five or seven public safety dispatchers from different agencies in San Diego County. The Committee and the selection process will be directed by the Event Chairperson. Nominees for the '*Dispatcher of the Year*', '*Incident of the Year*', and '*Supervisory Leadership Award*' categories are unable to serve on the Committee.