

Farthest North APOA Award Program Statement of Purpose:

The Chapter recognizes that members of law enforcement, corrections, other criminal justice partners and citizens perform outstanding acts that are worthy of official recognition by the Chapter. It is the purpose of this program to honor such individuals and to encourage the pursuit for excellence in the criminal justice field.

Submission Period/Deadline All nominations are due no later than January 15th, 2021 to recognize performance during the prior calendar year, i.e. awards recognizing performance during 2020.

There are eight divisions that the Chapter will recognize; each honoring an individual for excellence during the stated year. Those selected need not be members of APOA except for Member of the Year (who must be a life or current active or associate member).

- *Chief/Commander of the Year*
 - *Police Officer of the Year*
 - *Criminal Justice Professional of the Year*
 - *Investigator of the Year*
 - *Instructor of the Year*
 - *Support Person of the Year*
 - *Citizen of the Year and Dispatcher of the Year*
 - *APOA FNC Member of the Year*
 - *Dispatcher of the Year*
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- The event a person or group is being nominated for had to occur in 2020.

Please include in your nomination:

-Name of person being nominated, contact information for that person, which award that person is being nominated for and why. Provide as much information as you feel we will need to know in considering your nominee for the award. Nominations can be sent to: gmapoafnc@gmail.com

Award Categories

Member of the Year

Member of the Year This award is presented annually to a member of APOA and recognizes their involvement, commitment and achievement each year. The recipient of this award should be an active chapter supporter, a role model to other members, and a mentor to other up-and-coming members of APOA. The recipient will have advanced the mission, goals and purpose of APOA and will have positively impacted APOA's programs, activities and /or services. The member selected for this award will be submitted as the Chapter's nomination for APOA Member of the Year.

Chief/Commander of the Year

This category comprises members of criminal justice agencies holding the rank of Lieutenant or above (i.e. Chief, Deputy/Assistant Chief, Commander, Captain, Lieutenant, etc.).

Selection criteria will emphasize leadership, innovation, professional development, integrity, service to the public, and contributions to the criminal justice system as a whole.

Police Officer of the Year

This category comprises members of law enforcement agencies below the rank of Lieutenant (i.e. Sergeant, Corporal, Senior Officer, Officer, etc.).

The award honors an officer who distinguishes him/herself by actions which represent the highest standards of the police profession. It may be awarded for specific acts of valor, consistent service above and beyond the call of duty, development of innovative programs, and/or significant service to the community apart from police work.

Criminal Justice Professional of the Year

This category comprises non-sworn members of other criminal justice organizations (i.e. District Attorney's Office, Corrections, Probation and Parole, etc.)

The award honors an officer who distinguishes him/herself by actions which represent the highest standards of the criminal justice profession. Like Police Officer of the Year, it may be awarded for specific acts of valor, consistent service above and beyond the call of duty, development of innovative programs, and/or significant service to the community apart from police work.

Investigator of the Year

This category comprises those police officers performing investigative duties, either full or part time, whether for their own agency or as a member of a task force or special unit (i.e. Detective, Investigator, Officer, etc.).

The award recognizes innovation in investigative methods, impact on the investigator's agency/unit, impact on the investigator's community, and/or significance of the case(s) in terms of scope, complexity, notoriety, and/or community concern.

Instructor of the Year

This category recognizes an instructor whose acts and deeds as an instructor serve as an example to the profession, their department, their community and their peers alike.

The Instructor of the Year demonstrates an ongoing commitment to criminal justice by teaching and encouraging others to progress themselves and/or their organization to pursue excellence, whether generally or through specific subject matter expertise.

Support Person of the Year

This category comprises those non-sworn individuals who directly support operations of a criminal justice agency (i.e. Dispatcher, Call Taker, Evidence Custodian, Administrative Assistant, Clerk, Coordinator, etc.).

The award recognizes the outstanding support professional who has best enhanced their agency through:

- Innovations to support day-to-day operations;
- Personal and professional achievements in his/her classification or field;
- Involvement in promoting public safety in the community.

Citizen of the Year

May be awarded to any citizen who made a significant contribution to law enforcement: by a heroic act or assistance given that had a positive bearing on the outcome of an incident; or whose volunteer efforts displayed exemplary commitment, leadership, outreach and a desire to make a positive impact. Include specific projects or committees on which the volunteer was involved, such as an advisory board, department project, or other activities.

Dispatcher of the Year

This category comprises members of law enforcement agencies below the rank of dispatcher. The award honors a dispatcher who distinguishes him/herself by actions which represent the highest standards of the dispatch profession. It may be awarded for specific acts of valor, consistent service above and beyond the call of duty, development of innovative programs, and/or significant service to the community apart from dispatch work.