1. PROCEDURE FOR FILING A MERITORIOUS ACT

The chief or incident commander should be notified of the act at the scene of the alarm. In the event the department does not respond to the incident scene the chief should be notified as soon as possible.

A. The chief or incident commander should put in charge a member of the awards committee or an assistant chief to conduct a preliminary investigation at the scene when possible.

B. The Awards Committee chairman or acting chairman will be notified and given a preliminary report within 72 hours of the act.

C. The proper forms will be filled out completely and submitted to or by the chief of the Department within 30 days of the act. A copy will be given to the awards committee chairman as well as to be read off at the next officers council meeting. Form can be found in the "Forms" section of the website.

As it is highly desirable that there should be uniformity and certainty in estimating the degree of risk undertaken by a member or members to entitle them to a merit rating in any of the following grades enumerated by the awards council, regard being given to the fact that the calling of a firefighter is at all times fraught with personal risk, and that some greater degree of risk than this is essential in awarding ratings by the awards committee, the following classification are established:

2. CLASSIFICATION OF AWARDS

A. Department Medal of Honor



1. Awarded to a member's family who intelligently and in the line of duty distinguishes him or herself by the performance of an act of gallantry and valor while making the ultimate sacrifice for their community.

B. Class I



1. To entitle a member to a rating in this class, the act under consideration shouldinvolve a degree of danger properly characterized as ***extreme personal risk.***
    a. Extreme personal risk is where a member puts their life in jeopardy to protect/preserve the life of another by placing themselves in direct exposure to elements creating the hazard. The act in question can create a condition where serious injury and/or death to the member can be the outcome, where a member operates without the protection of a hose line or another member, where the conditions could worsen to a point where serious injury or death are imminent and no resource would be available to assist the member in egress or protection. Serious injury is where a member can be consumed in flame or exposed to excessive heat and/or be trapped under collapsing or falling objects or where the environment can, will or has exploded during, prior to or just after the member executes their rescue effort. Location of the act in relation to location of fire is to be considered as well as conditions on arrival.

C. Class II



1. To entitle a member to a rating in this class, the act under consideration shouldinvolve a degree of danger properly characterized as ***great personal risk***.

    a. Great personal risk is where a member puts their life at risk to protect/ preserve the life of another by placing themselves in a position where they will be exposed to elements creating the hazard. The act in question can create a condition where serious injury with a potential for death to the member can be the outcome, where a member operates with another member or members without the protection of a hose line, where the conditions could worsen to a point where serious injury with an underlying factor of death is imminent to the operating members who would have each other as a resource in their egress. Serious injury is where a member can be exposed to flame or excessive heat and receives or can receive minor bums or become trapped under a controllable environment. Location of act, in relation to fire/ hazard is to be considered as well as conditions on arrival.

D. Class III



1. To entitle a member to a rating in this class, the act under consideration shouldinvolve a degree of danger properly characterized as ***unusual personal risk***.

    a. Unusual personal risk is where a member puts their life in danger to protect/preserve the life of another by placing themselves in a position where they can be exposed to the elements creating the hazard. The act in question can create a condition where injury can be the outcome, where a member or members operate with a line in place but not operating with him and the line is known to the member as being in place and capable of protecting them and/or where a member operates with a retreat plan which can be marked as controllable. The environment where operations take place should be considered hostile by virtue of equipment being used as well as the type of condition.

E. Class A



1. To entitle a member to a rating in this class, the act under consideration should involve a decree of personal bravery showing initiative and capability. A member executes a job above and beyond the call of duty. Where it is recognized that the members action added to or was cause for the success of an operation. The member overextends themselves and performs a job with the protection of a hose line operating or other equipment and the member has a degree of controlover their safety while maintaining a position which can be considered unsafe.

F. Certificate of Merit



1. To entitle a member to a rating in this class, the act under consideration shouldinvolve a degree of personal bravery showing initiative and capability.

G. Unit Citations





1. When in the operation of a chief or assistant chief, the operations of an entire unit are deserving of an award, the IC shall make recommendations to the awards committee through the fire council for a unit citation. The act under consideration should involve an outstanding company operation, dependent on teamwork, cooperation and or degree of risk.
2.

H. Terrence P. Farrell Firefighter of the Year-Award



1. The Chief's Office shall choose one individual for this award each year.

3. EMS AWARDS

A. *Life Saving Medal*



1. The lifesaving medal will be awarded to members of the department who are directly responsible for saving a human life through the professional application of life support in an unusual situation, and under extreme or adverse circumstances. No stars indicate 1-9 saves, one star indicates 10-19 saves, and 2 stars indicates 20 and more saves.

B. *Pre-Hospital Save Medal*



1. Awarded when a patient arrives at the emergency room with a pulse or visible signsof life after being in cardiac or respiratory arrest. No stars indicate 1-9 saves, one star indicates 10-19 saves, and 2 stars indicates 20 and more saves.

C. *Alan Cornfield Rescue Person of the Year-Award*



1. The Chief's Office shall choose one individual for this award each year.

D. *Certificate Of Merit For EMS*



1. A certificate of merit for EMS is awarded to members whose performance of duty is noteworthy, but not to the degree which warrants recognition in the form of an EMSservice medal.

E. *Baby Delivery*



1. Awarded to the members directly involved in the delivery of the baby, prior to the transfer of care.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AWARDS

A. *Superstorm Sandy*



1. Any member in the department on or before October 29, 2012, is authorized to wear this medal from the county.

B. *1995 Brush Fire*



1. Any member in the department on or before August 24, 1995, is authorized to wear this medal from the county.

C. *Military*



1. Any member in the department who is Active, oror a Reservist in a branch of the United States Military or has been Honorably or Generally discharged from a branch of the United States Military is authorized to wear the medal.

D. World Trade Center



1. Any member who was in the department on or before September 11, 2001, and participated in the rescue and recovery, is authorized to wear this medal.

E. 9-11 Memorial



1. Any member who was in the department on or before September 11, 2001, is authorized to wear this medal.

F. Covid 19



1. Any member who went on 55 confirmed covid 19 alarms for calendar year 2020 and was issued one by the Chiefs is authorized to wear this medal.

G. Community Service Award

1. Awarded to a non-department individual who in the past year has shown the initiative and who displays an innovative and valuable service to our community.

H. Inspirational Award



1. Given to a member who has overcome a personal strife while maintaining a steadfast dedication and commitment to their community and the department.

5. SUFFOLK COUNTY FIRE ACADEMY HEROISM AWARDS

A. Gold Medal / Silver Medal / Bronze Medal

1. To receive this award a member will have to have been awarded one of the six (6) classifications of heroism as previously indicated. Submission will be made through the Suffolk County Fire Academy by the Chairman of the Awards committee by February 1 following the award year January 1 - December 31.

6. NEW YORK STATE FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

A. To receive this award a member will have had to have been awarded one of the six (6) classifications of heroism as previously indicated. Submission will be made through the F.A.S.N.Y. by the Chairman of the Awards Committee pursuant to the guidelines as set forth by that association following the award year January1 - December 31.

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Awards Committee

The committee shall consist of two members per company and the 3rd assistant chief. The company members on the committee shall have more than three (3)years in the Dix Hills Fire Department. If the committee cannot attain two members per company, the remaining committee members will select another department member who fulfills the set requirements and wishes to participate on the committee from any of the companies.

Dates of Award Submission

All awards must be received by the committee by February 1st to allow processing time by the committee and to comply with the Suffolk County and New York State deadlines for their heroism awards.

Presentation of the Awards

The presentation of the awards shall occur once a year. The date of the distribution shall be decided by the committee with final approval by the Chief of Department.

Purchasing of the Awards

The committee shall propose a formal presentation to the Board of Fire Commissioners on the needed materials for the program. The committee will ensure that members trade in the olderawards as members receive additional awards.

Wearing of the Awards

The awards should be worn as displayed below. There should never be more than three awards worn in a single row.

- The American Flag medal will be worn on the left breast over the department badge.
- For members who have a military medal will wear their branch of service medal below the American Flag medal above the department badge on the left breast.
- All other medals will be worn on the right breast in accordance with the below diagram.



