**NEW JERSEY POLICE CHIEFS FOUNDATION**
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# Valor Awards Program

*Recognizing extraordinary heroism by New Jersey police officers and private citizens*

Each year, the New Jersey Police Chiefs Foundation recognizes police officers and private citizens who have distinguished themselves through acts of extraordinary heroism.

The New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police established the Valor Awards Program in 2000 to recognize New Jersey police officers and private citizens who have demonstrated exceptional heroism and a genuine commitment to their profession, their agency, and the public at large.

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| NOMINATIONS DUE | March 25 (or the next regular business day) |
| SUBMIT TO | **office@njsacop.org** |
| ELIGIBLE ACTS | Those occurring in the preceding calendar year |
| PRESENTATION | NJSACOP Annual Conference, June |

## POLICE OFFICER VALOR AWARD

### *Eligibility*

All sworn, full-time law enforcement officers of local, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies are eligible.

### *Presentation of the Award*

The award shall be presented to the recipient at the NJSACOP Annual Conference in June.

### *Nomination Format*

Nominations shall be made by the Chief of Police or Senior Law Enforcement Officer of the nominating agency. An official NJPCF Valor Award Nomination Form must accompany each nomination; beyond that, no specific format is required. Nominations should include a statement of the specific circumstances and facts of the incident(s) underlying the nomination and may be supplemented by supporting documents such as departmental citations, letters of commendation, and newspaper clippings. Video submissions will not be considered. If possible, a photograph of the nominated officer should accompany the nomination. Photographs and nomination materials will not be returned.

### *Method and Timing of Submission*

Nominations must be submitted by email to **office@njsacop.org** no later than March 25 (or the closest regular business day thereafter). Only acts of heroism that occurred in the calendar year immediately preceding the deadline will be considered.

### *Notification*

Recipients will be notified by May 15.

## CITIZEN VALOR AWARD

### *Eligibility*

Any private citizen residing in the State of New Jersey is eligible to receive the award.

### *Presentation of the Award*

The award shall be presented to the recipient at the NJSACOP Annual Conference in June.

### *Method and Timing of Submission*

Nominations must be submitted by email to **office@njsacop.org** no later than March 25 (or the closest regular business day thereafter). Only acts of heroism that occurred in the calendar year immediately preceding the deadline will be considered.

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# Nomination Form

*Complete this form on screen or print and fill it out by hand. Email it with all attachments to* **office@njsacop.org** *by March 25.*

**AWARD CATEGORY:** ☐ **Police Officer Valor Award** ☐ **Citizen Valor Award**

| PERSON SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Name** | | | |
| **Department / Agency / Org.** | | | |
| **Address** | | | |
| **City / State / Zip** | | | |
| **Phone** | | **E-mail** | |
| **Relationship to Nominee** | | | |

| NOMINEE INFORMATION | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Name** | | | |
| **Title / Rank** *(officers)* | | **Department** *(officers)* | |
| **Address** | | | |
| **City / State / Zip** | | | |
| **Date(s) of Exceptional Act(s)** | | | |

## IMPORTANT DETAILS

- Answers to questions 1–3 may be entered on page 2 of this form or typed on separate 8½ × 11 pages and attached.
- The act described must have occurred between January 1 and December 31 of the calendar year preceding the nomination deadline.
- The Police Officer Valor Award is open to eligible law enforcement officers regardless of rank. The Citizen Valor Award is open to any private citizen residing in New Jersey.
- The recipient of the award may be living or deceased.
- Recipients will receive a medal at the NJSACOP Annual Conference, held in June in Atlantic City, New Jersey.
- Nomination forms will be published in *New Jersey Police Chief Magazine* and on the NJSACOP website.
- Incomplete nomination forms will not be considered.

# Narrative

*Text scrolls within each box. Attach additional pages if needed.*

**1. Please give a brief history of the nominee.**

**2. Describe the event or circumstance for which you feel the nominee displayed unparalleled courage and valor and is deserving of the New Jersey Police Chiefs Foundation Valor Award.**

**3. Describe in detail why you feel the nominee went above and beyond the call of duty during this event.**

**SIGNATURE**

*Signature of Person Submitting Nomination (type full name if submitting electronically)*

*Date*

**SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO: office@njsacop.org**

*Deadline: March 25 (or the closest regular business day thereafter). Photographs and nomination materials will not be returned.*