

NCPAA Awards

Guidelines

NCPAA has had the distinct privilege and honor of recognizing many members, law enforcement agencies and CPA alumni associations through its awards program. This program was adopted in 1998 in order to create a process by which NCPAA members could be officially recognized for outstanding programs, performance and/or exemplary service.

Initiating Recommendation for Awards:

Any NCPAA member may recommend another member or group for consideration of an award. The recommendation must be in writing and cite accomplishments, statements, and any other information that will assist in reviewing the recommendation. The individual or group recommended for the award must be, or have been an active member of the NCPAA for the fiscal year that is the basis for the award recommendation. All recommendations must be addressed to the conference host city for that year. The actual mailing information will be posted in the NCPAA newsletter and on our Web site.

Consideration Period:

Presentation of awards will take place at the annual conference. In order to process and prepare them in a timely manner prior to the conference, the yearly consideration period will be from April 1st of the previous year to March 31st of the conference year.

Recommendation Review:

Two copies of each award recommendation must be forwarded to the conference host city for that fiscal year. No videotapes, please! The actual mailing information will be posted in the NCPAA newsletter and on our Web site. During a regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the conference host city awards committee, committee members will review all recommendations by examining the recommendation, accomplishments, statements and all other related information that was submitted. The committee will make a recommendation based upon their review as to the merits of the individual, agency or organization and a concurrence or non-concurrence with the recommendation. The awards committee will then vote to accept the final recommendation of the individual, agency or alumni association most worthy of receiving the award, based on the recommendation and paperwork submitted.

On rare occasions, these awards may be given to multiple individuals and/or groups based upon the merits of the recommendation presented to the committee. However, these awards are not to be given, just to be given. If there are no nominations or the nominations do not live up to the expectations of the committee, then no awards will be presented in that year. The review and consideration given to each award recommendation by the conference host city's awards committee is a painstaking process. There have been some questions raised in the past by members who submitted recommendations that were not selected for official presentation/recognition by the association.

This is not because the individual, agency or association in question did not perform in an exemplary manner or is not deserving of recognition but, typically, it is because another individual, agency or organization exceeded the criteria required for that particular award category. Each year, there are numerous examples of individuals, agencies and associations conducting themselves in an outstanding manner in promoting the CPA concept and volunteerism on almost a daily basis. The National Citizens Police Academy Association's Awards program was initiated specifically for recognizing those individuals, law enforcement agencies and CPA alumni associations that perform in a truly outstanding manner.

NCPAA AWARD CATEGORIES

CPA Coordinator of the Year

Awarded to an NCPAA member who has individually made a truly outstanding contribution and/or achievement contributing to the efficiency, effectiveness and/or overall success of a Citizen Police Academy program by consistently performing their duties with outstanding skill, productivity, judgment and responsibility on a regular basis.

Agency of the Year

Awarded to an NCPAA member's police department or public safety agency for outstanding efforts in conducting a Citizen Police Academy program and promoting the CPA concept. Citizens Police Academy programs being conducted around the nation are one of the most powerful tools in educating, informing, and involving those the police department serves. The focus and aim of the citizen police academy must allow citizens to become familiar with the day to day operations of the police department, and enable participants to gain a better understanding of the policies and procedures of the agency, the law, local ordinances, and charter which govern and mandate the operations of the police department, engaging them in hands-on activities that allow participants to gain a working knowledge of actual policing tactics and risks.

CPA ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Awarded to an NCPAA member who has individually made a truly outstanding contribution and/or achievement contributing to the efficiency, effectiveness and/or overall success of a Citizen Police Academy alumni association by consistently performing their duties with outstanding skill, productivity, judgment and responsibility on a regular basis.

CPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR

Awarded to an NCPAA member's alumni association for outstanding efforts in a variety of activities and/or events that assist and benefit the police department and community as a whole. With rising concern about violence, drugs and crime, it is important to note that citizen partnerships with the police are increasingly being viewed as the most effective way to safeguard lives, neighborhoods and cities. Alumni associations ensure that the partnerships that develop between the police department and citizens during the Citizen Police Academy program continue long after graduation day.

Nominate your deserving person or organization for their excellence and commitment. Please submit - on one page the name of the person or organization, their title, and the reason that they should be selected.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is midnight, March 31, 2009.

Send your nominations to:

**Awards Committee
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