

Alaska Fire Service Award Criteria

Firefighter of the Year

Criteria - Candidate must demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to firefighting. This can be evidenced by outstanding actions on the fire ground or at other functions in their community during the year. This can be demonstrated in many ways. A few examples are: 1. Extraordinary rescue following operational policies and training, 2. Development of a wellness program that dramatically improves the health of the members of the department, 3. Outstanding effort to improve the department's standing in the community.

William A. Hagevig Fire Instructor of the Year

Criteria - Candidate must exhibit an extraordinary commitment to training and education of members of the fire service during the year. This can be demonstrated in many ways. A few examples are: 1. The instructor sets a leadership example for students during training programs, 2. The instructor developed a training program or course that improves the safety of firefighters, 3. The instructor goes above and beyond to ensure their students are prepared to function on the fire ground.

Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year

Criteria - Candidate must exhibit an extraordinary commitment to educating their community about fire prevention and fire safety during the year. This can be demonstrated in many ways. A few examples are: 1. The Public Educator developed and implemented a new fire prevention or fire safety program that improved the fire safety of members of their community, 2. The Public Educator displayed an extreme commitment to the members of their community to ensure the fire prevention message was received.

Ken Akerley Fire Service Leadership Award

Criteria - Candidate must exhibit an extraordinary commitment to leading their Fire Department and has earned the trust and respect of their subordinates and peers. This can be evidenced by outstanding actions on the fire ground or at other functions within their community during the year. A few examples are: 1. Implementing, supporting and enforcing safety policies to improve firefighter safety for their department, 2. Mentoring new and current personnel to improve their education and skills preparing them for a long career in the fire service, 3. Dramatically improve the operational effectiveness of their department by increasing communication between department members.

Leadership can occur at any level, candidates may be any member of the fire service from firefighter to Chief.