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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Heads of Fire Departments  
**From:** Peter J. Ostroskey, State Fire Marshal  
**Date:** June 20, 2016  
**Re:** Firefighter of the Year

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I am pleased to announce that the time for nominations is once more before us for the Annual Firefighter of the Year Awards. Since its inception in 1990, the annual Firefighter of the Year Awards has grown from a simple ceremony to honor those firefighters that performed heroic actions to the premier event in the fire service to recognize our firefighters and the outstanding work they do in and out of the firehouse.

I hope that you will review the incidents within your own department in the last year and nominate candidates from your department who have gone beyond the call of duty to serve their community. The acts of bravery must have occurred between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016, and follow the guidelines included. **Nominations must be postmarked by August 1, 2016**, and sent to the Department of Fire Services c/o Kerry Weihl.

The Heroic Awards Committee will meet to review the nominations and forward their decisions to the Governor in early September, and we plan to hold the annual ceremony this fall. Fire chiefs who have submitted nominations will be invited to meet with the committee to further discuss their nomination(s) and answer any questions that the Committee may have.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from your department.