

Trooper George L. Hanna Memorial Awards for Bravery Criteria

The Trooper George L. Hanna Memorial Awards for Bravery program consists of two levels. Nominations may be made for an individual or for a group award involving multiple officers, if each individual officer meets the following criteria.

1. **MEDAL OF HONOR** - The highest and most prestigious award

Awarded to a police officer who demonstrates actions above and beyond the call of duty, exhibiting extraordinary bravery and courage in the face of extreme risk and certain and imminent danger to life or limb. The police officer's actions are performed in the course of a dangerous incident to protect or save the life of a colleague or citizen, in selfless disregard for the officer's own safety and often result in great cost to the officer, including loss of life. Medal of Honor recipients should display exceptional levels of professionalism, competence, leadership, and clear thinking during a dangerous incident while on or off duty. The officer's actions must be so outstanding that they clearly distinguish heroism from lesser forms of bravery.

The award may be made to an officer who has lost his or her life in the line of duty under conditions in which the officer displayed professional law enforcement actions and duties consistent with good police practices.

2. **MEDAL OF VALOR** - The second highest award

Awarded to a police officer who demonstrates actions above and beyond the call of duty, exhibiting valor, courage and bravery while disregarding the potential for danger or great risk to him or herself and whose actions do not rise to the level of Medal of Honor, during the course of an individual incident.

PLEASE NOTE: Nominations should be based upon an individual's response to a critical single incident. Nominations should not be based upon an officer's response to an incident that is considered to be routine police work or for an expected course of action committed in the performance of a police officer's duties.

Please forward any press clippings and/or media coverage.