Criteria for
Massachusetts Firefighter Service Award

Below are the criteria to be applied by the head of the fire department wishing to nominate any current Massachusetts firefighter (call, career, volunteer) for a length of service award. Please review all criteria carefully before submitting nomination for consideration. All nominees must have 20 or more years of service in Massachusetts or out-of-state (given in five-year increments) and be a member in good standing as a call, career or volunteer firefighter. No person convicted of any felony crime in any state or under the laws of any country shall be eligible for the Massachusetts Firefighter Service Award.

Massachusetts Call Firefighter Award

Service shall include:

- Call firefighter service in one or more department(s).
- Prior service as a call, career, or volunteer or career firefighter in the same or any other department.

Massachusetts Career Firefighter Award

Service shall include:

- Career firefighter service in one or more department(s).
- Prior service as a call, career, or volunteer firefighter in the same or any other fire department.

Massachusetts Volunteer Firefighter Award

Service shall include:

- Volunteer firefighter service in one or more department(s).
- Prior service as a call, career, or volunteer firefighter in the same or any other department.

This length of service award may include any years served as a career member (military or civilian) of a Department of Defense fire department, or DCR Bureau of Forest Fire Control, and is applicable only to active Massachusetts firefighters. All information used in applying the above criteria is subject to verification and approval by the current head of the fire department. Any firefighter aggrieved by the decision of the chief may submit an appeal for reconsideration form.