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TO: VACP Members

FROM: Colonel Douglas A. Goodman, VACP Awards Committee Chairman

The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police & Foundation is now accepting nominations for the **2020 VACP Awards** in the categories of **Valor**, **Lifesaving** and **Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement**. The nomination form and supporting materials must be returned to the VACP by **June 15, 2020** in order to be considered for recognition in 2020.

The nomination form clearly describes the criteria for the three separate categories of awards. Please read them carefully and make sure that the officer or officers you wish to nominate fit the criteria AND you select the most appropriate award category for the nomination. In particular, the Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement Award is very unique and is not simply a “catch-all” category for anything that doesn’t fit the Valor or Lifesaving Award criteria. We recommend reviewing the recipients of past OCLE Awards on the VACP web site (www.vachiefs.org/vacp_awards) to see the type of contribution that is worthy of recognition with this award.

Please be sure to include sufficient explanation in the supporting documentation to show that the actions of the officer(s) meet the criteria for the selected award. Nominations for the 2020 awards are open to all actions occurring prior to the June 15, 2020 deadline, so long as they have not been previously submitted for consideration.

To nominate your officer or officers, submit a completed award nomination form along with **no more than three pages** of supporting documentation, including the description of the action and any letters of support. Supporting documentation must provide enough detail for the judges to make a determination without having to speculate. Press clips on their own may not be sufficient because details about an officer’s actions may have been excluded by either the reporter or the public information officer. We prefer that nominations be submitted by email to VACP-Awards@vachiefs.org if possible, but will accept faxed and mailed nominations as well. *NOTE: Nomination narratives will be used in an awards program and press releases. If any information is not for public release, please indicate that in the narrative.*

The Awards Committee will review the nominations and award notices will be sent to the agency heads in August.

- Recipients of **Awards for Valor** and **Outstanding Contribution to Law Enforcement** will be presented with their plaques at the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference in Roanoke on September 15, 2020.
- **Lifesaving Award** recognitions will be presented to the agency heads for presentation to the officer at a departmental ceremony. Please be prepared to provide a high-resolution digital photograph of your Valor Award nominee(s) as they will be requested upon notice of selection for inclusion in the awards program.

We hope you will consider nominating your officers for these recognitions. If you have any questions about the categories or criteria, please feel free to contact Chief Doug Goodman, Awards Committee Chairman (DGoodman@ashlandpolice.us) or VACP Communications Manager Erin Schrad (erin@vachiefs.org or 804-285-8227).



VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE & FOUNDATION
2020 VACP AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The following individual(s) is/are hereby nominated for the indicated award:

Name(s) _____

Agency _____

VACP Member making nomination _____

Nominator's phone number _____

Nominator's e-mail address _____

PLEASE NOTE: Send one nomination form and supporting documentation for multiple officers (and agencies) when nominated for involvement in same incident or effort.

AWARD TYPE

____ **AWARD FOR VALOR**

This award recognizes a law enforcement officer who, in the line of duty, performs an act of **extraordinary heroism** while engaged with an adversary at imminent personal risk.

*(NOTE: A high-resolution digital photo or scan will be requested of those nominees selected to receive an **Award for Valor** for publication in the awards program, along with the narrative of the incident or effort. Please be prepared to send these photos upon notice of award selection. If possible, please submit nominations by email attachment to facilitate the creation of the awards program. **If any information in the narrative is not for public release, please indicate as such.**)*

____ **LIFESAVING AWARD**

This award recognizes an officer's actions that put the officer **in harm's way** in an attempt to save the life of another individual.

____ **AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT**

This award recognizes any individual's conspicuous act or achievement in the performance of some duty that results in an **exceptional and responsible contribution to the law enforcement profession throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia**. This is NOT meant to be recognition for investigative or taskforce work, but rather something done to aid or change the profession.

For examples of past Award recipients' actions, go to [www.vachiefs.org/vacp awards](http://www.vachiefs.org/vacp_awards).

All of the above awards may be conferred posthumously.

Please attach concise statement of actions leading to nomination (no more than 3 pages).

Forward nomination by June 15, 2020 to VACP-Awards@vachiefs.org

Email submissions are preferred, but nominations may also be faxed or mailed to:

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