

VSFA Rescue Squad/Ambulance Member of the Year Award

The criteria for this award are as follows:

- This award is to given to the firefighter/rescue squad ambulance member who has done the most for the good of his/her department. Acts of heroism are not to be considered.
- The nominee for this award must be a member in good standing of VSFA for a period of not less than one year prior to nomination.
- The nomination shall come from the nominee's home organization only.
- The signature of a department officer is required.
- A complete **TYPED OR LEGIBLY WRITTEN** summary of accomplishments must be submitted.
- Nominations must be received by the Judging Committee by June 1st. **Nominations postmarked after that date will not be considered.**

VSFA Firefighter of the Year Award

The criteria for this award are as follows:

- This award is to be given to a firefighter who has done the most good for his/her department. Acts of heroism are not to be considered.
- Nominees for award must be a member in good standing of VSFA for a period of not less than one year prior to nomination.
- OFFICERS are NOT eligible for this award.
- Nomination shall come from the nominee's department only.
- The signature of a department officer is required.
- A complete TYPED OR LEGIBLY WRITTEN summary of accomplishments must be submitted.
- Nominations must be received by the Judging Committee by June 1st. **Nominations postmarked after that date will not be considered.**

Robert King Fire Chief of the Year Award

The criteria for this award are as follows:

- Limited to an ACTIVE Chief, Deputy Chief or Assistant Chief. The nominee must be active or have been active in the position that they are being nominated for recognition in during the 12 months preceding the application deadline.
- This award is intended for chief who has done the most good for his department. Acts of heroism are not to be considered.
- The nominee must be a member in good standing of VSFA for a period of not less than five years prior to nomination.
- Nomination shall come from the nominee's department only.
- The signature of a department officer is required.
- A complete TYPED OR LEGIBLY WRITTEN summary of accomplishments must be submitted to include examples such as the following:
 1. Has broadened the scope of his/her department's activities and endorsed involvement in community activities.
 2. Has caused increased interest in fire prevention through publicity and department involvement.
 3. Has improved the training of his/her department through his/her own efforts and the encouragement of members to attend training sessions within the department and association sponsored training programs.
 4. Has maintained productive working relationships between his/her department and community officials.
 5. Nominee has demonstrated strong administrative and fiscally responsible skills as a department manager.
 6. Nominee has demonstrated strong, effective, and safety conscious decision making skills on the fireground.
- Nominations must be received by the Judging Committee by June 1st. Nominations postmarked after that date will not be considered.

VSFA Line Officer of the Year Award

The criteria for this award are as follows:

- Limited to Captains, Engineers, Public Education Officers, Lieutenants, Safety Officers and Training Officers.
- The award is intended for the Line Officer who has done the most good for his/her department. Acts of heroism are not to be considered.
- Nominees must be a member in good standing of VSFA for a period of not less than five years prior to nomination.
- The nomination shall come from the nominee's home department only.
- The signature of a department officer is required.
- A complete **TYPED OR LEGIBLY WRITTEN** summary of accomplishments must be submitted to include examples such as the following:
 1. Has greatly increased morale and efficiency of his/her department.
 2. Has broadened scope of department activities, such as starting a junior group.
 3. Has involved his/her department in community activities.
 4. Has caused increased interest in fire prevention through publicity and department involvement.
 5. Has improved the training of his/her department through his/her own efforts and the encouragement of his/her members to attend training sessions within the department and Association sponsored training programs.
- Has made substantial improvements in the relationship between his/her department and officials of town served.
- Has, through the accomplishment of improved relationship, obtained sanction of the town authorities to purchase modern equipment.
- Has fostered the development of mutual aid within his/her community and within the area.
- Nominations must be received by the Judging Committee by June 1st. **Nominations postmarked after that date will not be considered.**

Captain Charles Taylor Youth Firefighter of the Year Award

The criteria for this award are as follows:

- Limited to any youth firefighter enrolled in a fire department authorized program (Explorer, Cadet, Junior Firefighter).
- Award intended for a young person who has shown high interest and has excelled in a local fire department through participation in all activities and functions of the fire department.
- The nominee for the award must have been a member in good standing of VSFA for a period of not less than one year prior to nomination.
- Nominations shall come from the nominee's home department only.
- The signature of an officer is required.
- A complete **TYPED OR LEGIBLY WRITTEN** summary of accomplishments must be submitted.
- Nominations must be received by the Judging Committee by June 1st. **Nominations postmarked after that date will not be considered.**

VSFA Senior Firefighter of the Year Award

The criteria for this award are as follows:

- This award is to be given to a Senior Firefighter, who is at least fifty (50) years of age, who has done the most good for his/her department. Acts of heroism are not to be considered.
- The nominee must have been a member in good standing of VSFA for a period of not less than five years prior to nomination.
- FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS are NOT eligible for this award.
- The nomination shall come from the nominee's home department only.
- The signature of a department officer is required.
- A complete **TYPED OR LEGIBLY WRITTEN** summary of accomplishments must be submitted.
- Nominations must be received by the Judging Committee by June 1st. **Nominations postmarked after that date will not be considered.**

VSFA Emergency Maintenance Technician of the Year Award

The criteria for this award are as follows:

- Limited to any member of a fire or rescue department who is assigned or has accepted the responsibility of maintaining the equipment and apparatus of the department.
- Award intended for a member of a fire or rescue department that has given considerable time and skill in maintaining apparatus and equipment in the department.
- The nominee for award must have been a member in good standing of VSFA for a period of not less than one year prior to nomination.
- Nomination shall come from the nominee's home department only.
- The signature of a department officer is required.
- A complete **TYPEWRITTEN or LEGIBLY HANDWRITTEN** summary of accomplishments must be submitted.
- Nominations must be received by Judging Committee by June 1st. **Nominations postmarked after that date will not be considered.**

VSFA Support Specialist of the Year Award

The criteria for this award are as follows:

This award is to be given to a member that has supported his/her department that is not eligible for another award.

Nominees for award must be a member in a good standing of VFSA for a period of not less than one year prior to nomination.

The nominating department must have had at least 50% membership in VSFA for a period of not less than one year.

Nomination shall come from the nominee's department only.

The signature of a department officer is required.

A complete **TYPEWRITTEN** resume of activities must be submitted.

Nominations must be received by Judging Committee by June 1st.

Nominations postmarked after that date will not be considered.