



Suggested Firefighter Commendation Guideline



The medals and commendation bar suggestions featured herein are a culmination of what our customers are currently using as well as what we have found in use by other departments and organizations.

Customization

Colored medals, panels, commendation bars and center inserts are all custom filled to your specifications at the time of order. Please feel free to alter the following suggestions to fit the needs of your department!

Panels on medals are interchangeable, with many options available. For example, the "Medal of Commendation" panel text may be replaced with "Chief's Award."

Many options exist for center seals. Ribbon colors may be changed. Pin Drape ribbons are shown on all medals in this guide, but Windsor fold ribbons and neck ribbons are also available.

Your department may choose to give a commendation bar instead of a medal or may choose to present a medal where we only list a commendation bar.

Presentation

All medals come in a standard presentation box.

Color Accuracy

While this guideline strives to present available colors as accurately as possible, the actual colors used will always be Pantone Reflex Blue & PMS 187 Red.



Medal & Bar Sets

Medal of Honor

Criteria:

To receive the Medal of Honor, the firefighter must be a member of the department who, in the performance of duty while on a call, under extreme hazardous conditions, in which the member is confronted with imminent personal risk, and has full knowledge of that risk, performs an act of conspicuous heroism which furthers the highest traditions of the fire service.

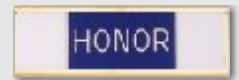
Medal: A4118

Panel: no extra panel, medal is stamped "MEDAL of HONOR"

Ribbon: RC-5 Blue

Center Insert: A6991 Red Enamel

Commendation Bar: J202-MH "HONOR"
White/Blue/White



Medal of Valor

Criteria:

To receive the Medal of Valor, the firefighter must be a member of the department who, in the performance of duty while on a call, under hazardous conditions, in which the member is confronted with imminent personal risk, but had no prior knowledge of that risk, performs an act of conspicuous heroism which furthers the highest traditions of the fire service.

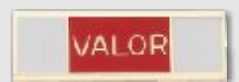
Medal: A4117

Panel: no extra panel, medal is stamped "MEDAL of VALOR"

Ribbon: RC-1 Red

Center Insert: A6991 Red Enamel

Commendation Bar: J204-MV "VALOR"
White/Red/White





Medal & Bar Sets



Medal for Bravery

Criteria:

To receive the Medal for Bravery, the firefighter must be a member of the department who, in the performance of duty while on a call, performs an act of distinguished bravery and stamina in adverse conditions of fire, environment, weather, or materials.

Medal: A2629B Red Enamel Fill Maltese
Panel: A6823T "Medal for Bravery" - Blue Enamel
Ribbon: RC-3 Red/White/Blue
Center Insert: A6990 Red Enamel

Commendation Bar: A10807 "Bravery"
Red/Blue/Red



Lifesaving Medal

Criteria:

To receive the Lifesaving Medal, the firefighter must be a member of the department who is principally involved in saving the life of another person and whose personal actions were directly responsible for the lifesaving act.

Medal: A768
Panel: A6823R "Life Saving" with stars - Blue
Ribbon: RC-36 Blue/Red
Center Insert: A6991 Red Enamel

Commendation Bar: A11178 "Life Saving"
Red/Blue



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Purple Heart

Criteria:

The Purple Heart Medal/Commendation Bar is awarded to a member of the department for a wound received in the line of duty while observing all reasonable safety procedures, that required transportation to a medical facility and subsequent treatment for severe puncture wounds, lacerations, fractures, concussions, burns or other substantial injury.

Medal: A2619 Purple Enamel Star

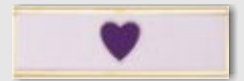
Panel: A6823Z "Purple Heart" Red Enamel

Ribbon: RC-45 Purple

Center Insert: A6990 Red Enamel

Commendation Bar: J202-PH

White with Purple Heart



Meritorious Conduct

Criteria:

To receive the Meritorious Conduct Medal/Commendation Bar, the firefighter must be a member of the department who performs a notable act of distinction in the performance of duty and reflects the integrity and devotion shown by the recipient.

Medal: A4131

Panel: A6823AM "Meritorious Conduct" - Blue Enamel

Ribbon: RC-31 White/Red/Blue/Red/White

Center Insert: A6990 Red Enamel

Commendation Bar: A7140Q "Meritorious Conduct"
Red





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Distinguished Service

Criteria:

To receive the Distinguished Service Medal/Commendation Bar, the firefighter must be a member of the department who performs a highly unusual act of distinction under adverse conditions in the performance of duty.

Medal: A2366

Panel: A6823M "Distinguished Service" with stars - Blue

Ribbon: RC-27 Red/White/Blue/White/Red

Center Insert: A6990 Red Enamel

Commendation Bar: A6265

Red/White/Blue/White/Red



Commendation

Criteria:

The Commendation Medal/Commendation Bar is awarded to a member of the department for a credible act in the line of duty which is commendable in nature, and displays admirable initiative and accomplishment.

Medal: A1789

Panel: A6823HH "Commendation" - Blue Enamel

Ribbon: RC-44 White/Blue/Red/Blue/White

Center Insert: A6990 Red Enamel

Commendation Bar: A6265

White/Blue/Red/Blue/White



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Exceptional Duty

Criteria:

The Exceptional Duty Medal/Commendation Bar is awarded to a member of the department for a highly credible accomplishment bringing public acclaim to the department or fire service as a result of devotion to duty or service to the public.

Medal: A2084

Panel: A6823AF "Exceptional Duty" Blue Enamel

Ribbon: RC-28 White/Red/White/Blue/White

Center Insert: A6991 Red Enamel

Commendation Bar: A6265

White/Red/White/Blue/White



Firefighter of the Year

Criteria:

The Firefighter of the Year Medal/Commendation Bar is presented to the individual as chosen by his fellow members or the chief of the department who characterizes the best attributes of being a firefighter.

Medal: A4121B - Red Enamel

Panel: A6823NN "Firefighter of the Year" Red Enamel

Ribbon: RC-42 Red/White/Red

Center Insert: A6991 Red Enamel

Commendation Bar: A7142

Red/White/Red





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EMT of the Year

Criteria:

The EMT of the Year Medal/Commendation is awarded to the individual as chosen by his fellow members or the chief of the department who characterizes the best attributes of an emergency medical technician or paramedic.

Medal: A4121 - Blue Enamel
Panel: A6823PP "E.M.T of the Year" - Blue Enamel
Ribbon: RC-26 Blue/White/Blue
Center Insert: A4248 Star of Life

Commendation Bar: A7142
Blue/White/Blue

Firefighter Service Commendation



5 Year Commendation Bar:
J204-Y5 Red

10 Year Commendation Bar:
J204-Y10 Red

15 Year Commendation Bar:
J204-Y15 Red

20 Year Commendation Bar:
J204-Y20 Red

25 Year Commendation Bar:
J204-Y25 Red

30 Year Commendation Bar:
J204-Y30 Red

Life Membership Commendation Bar:
J204-MC Red

Criteria:

The Firefighter Service Commendation may be awarded to any regular member of the department at their 5 year anniversaries. In lieu of or in addition to offering a commendation bar every five years, a life membership bar may be given for a specified number of years on the department.



Commendation Bars

Veteran Fire Service Commendation

A10806

White with Gold Maltese Cross

Criteria:

The Veteran Firefighter Service Commendation is awarded to a veteran member of the department who has performed service to the department in a highly commendable manner.



Firefighter Response Commendation

A10849

White/Red/Red Diamond/Red/White

Criteria:

The Firefighter Response Commendation is awarded annually to the member(s) who responded to the highest number of calls during the year.



EMS Response Commendation

A10849

White/Blue/Blue Diamond/Blue White

Criteria:

The EMS Response Commendation is awarded annually to the member(s) who responded to the highest number of calls during the year.



Unit Commendation

A11416

Red/White & Flame/Red

Criteria:

The Unit Commendation is awarded to a group of members who have performed service to the department in a highly commendable manner.



Administrative Commendation

A11166

Red/W/R/W/R/White/R/W/R/W/Red

Criteria:

The Administration Commendation is awarded to a member of the department who has contributed considerable time and effort that increases the operational efficiency of the department.





Commendation Bars

Firefighter



Firefighter I: A10910
White/Red/White



Firefighter II: A10910A
White/Red/White



Firefighter III: A10910B
White/Red/White

Criteria:

The Firefighter Commendations recognize certification/training levels for firefighters.

Fire Instructor



Fire Instructor I: J203-IN
“Instructor” in Black



Fire Instructor II: A11177-H
“Instructor” in Red

Criteria:

The Fire Instructor Commendations recognize certification as an instructor.

Fire Officer



Fire Officer I: A8104
White/Red/White



Fire Officer II: A8709
White/Red/White/Red/White



Fire Officer III: A10801
White/Red/W/R/W/Red/White



Fire Officer IV: A10800
White/Red/W/R/W/R/W/Red/White

Criteria:

The Fire Officer Commendations recognize certification/training levels for fire officers.



Commendation Bars

Emergency Medical

Criteria:

The Emergency Medical Commendations recognize certification/training levels for the Emergency Medical Services.

EMT: A8709

Blue/White/Blue/White/Blue

EMT-I: A10801

Blue/White/B/W/B/White/Blue

EMT-P: J203-EM

Blue/White & Star of Life/Blue

EMS: A11177-H

White/Red/W/R/W/R/W/Red/White



Educational Achievement - Firefighter/Paramedic

A7141
Red/Blue

Criteria:

The Educational Achievement is awarded to a member of the department who has completed a phase of the state certified series of training courses through the top level for Firefighter and EMT- Paramedic.



Advanced Education Achievement

A7141A
Red/White with Stars

Criteria:

The Advanced Educational Achievement is awarded to a member of the department who has completed an advanced phase of the state certified series of firefighter & fire officer training courses through the top level of Fire Service Instructor and Fire Officer.





Commendation Bars

Assignments & Specialized Training



Hazmat: J203-HZ
Standard



Tech Rescue: A10345
"Tech Rescue" White/Blue/White



Dive Team: A11177E
"Dive Team" Blue



Pump Truck Crew: J204-PT
Red



Ladder Truck Crew: J204-LT
Red



First Responder: A8104
Blue/White/Blue



Honor Guard: A11177J
"Honor Guard" Red

Criteria:

These commendations recognize various types of training and teamwork.

Other:

You may want to recognize other certifications or special teams such as Wildland, RIT, and ERT with a commendation bar.

Military



Army: A11173
Green



USAF: A11173A
Light Blue



Navy: A11173B
Blue



USMC: A11173C
Red



USCG: A11173D
Blue

Criteria:

These commendations are awarded to personnel who have served or are currently serving in a military service.



Commendation Bars

Baby Delivery

A10809
Light Blue/Pink

Criteria:

The Baby Delivery Commendation recognizes members that have assisted in bringing a new life into the world.



National Disaster Response

Criteria:

Disasters happen, heroes respond. These Commendations recognize members involved in responding to national or local disasters.

Rita: A11420
Blue

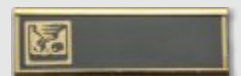
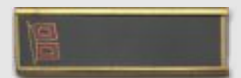
Katrina: A11286
Blue

9-11-01: A7140JLS
Blue/Red/White/Red

Irene: A12041
Blue

Custom Hurricane: A11863LS
Color of Choice

Custom Tornado: A12014LS
Color of Choice



Customization:

Engrave the Custom Hurricane and Custom Tornado commendation bars with your local incident and year.

Plaques & Acrylic Awards

Criteria:

For commendations in Civilian Lifesaving, Civilian Bravery, Community Service and the like, we recommend plaques or acrylic awards. Contact us for suggestions and more information!

