



# GENERAL ORDER

Department of Fire and EMS

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**Subject:** Creation of a Commendations Board- DFEMS

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The department is moving forward with the creation of a Commendations Board. The purpose of this board will be to recognize DFEMS personnel, uniformed, volunteer, and civilian as well as citizens for acts of heroism, lifesaving, positive impacts on the department, unit citations and other areas as determined by the board. The board will develop an SOP which will delineate the categories of awards and the requirements for each. They will also develop awards designs and a process for submission and approval. The board will coordinate and execute an annual commendations ceremony/event.

It is not the intent of this board to replace the current chamber of commerce awards, CCVESA awards or individual VFC awards. Instead, the board will develop a series of DFEMS awards that will stand on their own merit and will be recognizable countywide. The board would also move to standardize the design of similar awards among companies in an effort for those awards to gain recognition throughout the county Fire and EMS system. The board will consist of the following positions representing the identified elements of the department of Fire and EMS. Selection of representatives shall be through the respective organizations as follows:

1. CCVESA
2. ESAC
3. FROPS
4. IAFF
5. DFEMS -employee

It is anticipated that submission of representatives of the above be made to the Director/Chief by October 1, 2024. An organizational meeting will follow that date. A chair will be elected by the board. The Commendations Board will begin their first cycle with submission and selection of awards for events that have occurred on or beyond January 1, 2024. The awards cycle shall be based on the calendar year with presentation of the awards being made on a date of the following year as determined by the board.

MWR/cw

C: distribution list