



Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs

POLICY 2015-05/05 REV. II- 2017/04 AWARDS

The Board of Directors of the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs believes it is important to honor and recognize its members who make significant contributions to the Southeast Division. To do so the SEAFCA Board of Directors has established the following award categories describing each award and the basis for bestowing it. Some awards are based on SEAFCA policy criteria while others are more general.

SPONSORSHIP

The SEAFCA will solicit a vendor or corporate sponsor to fund each award. If no sponsorship is procured the award may still be given, with the approval of the Board of Directors if funds are available. Every award may not be presented each year, depending on nominee submissions or other factors. Awards and recognitions will be presented to the recipients at the annual SEAFCA Conference banquet installation dinner.

All award recipients shall be approved (if applicable) and determined **NO LATER THAN MAY 1st** of each year to allow ample time for securing sponsors and obtaining the awards.

AWARDS

FIRE CHIEF OF THE YEAR – May be bestowed upon a Fire Chief to recognize an outstanding Chief whose actions and leadership serve as an example for other chief officers throughout the Southeast. The award is based on leadership, innovation, professional development, integrity and contributions to the fire service. Both a career and volunteer chiefs are eligible to receive the award annually.

* Refer to the SEAFCA Fire Chief of The Year Policy that details the criteria and requirements for this award.

- Chosen by appointed committee
- AWARD- Bell on Wooden Base with Brass Nameplate

H.D. CROSSNINE AWARD – May be awarded to a worthy individual to recognize his or her contribution to fire prevention efforts, code development and code initiatives. It honors

meritorious accomplishments and significant contributions toward fire and life safety and fire prevention efforts coupled, with the recipient's service record in his or her community. The recipient may be career or volunteer.

* Refer to the SEAF C H.D. Crossnine Award Guidelines that details the criteria and requirements for this award.

- Chosen by appointed committee
- AWARD- Significant Plaque with Attached SEAF C Helmet Shield and Brass Nameplate

PRESIDENT'S AWARD – May be awarded to honor an individual who has contributed to the SEAF C in a significant way during the sitting President's term. This award may be bestowed upon any SEAF C member whom the President deems to have served the SEAF C, its membership or the Board of Directors in an outstanding way, or has gone above and beyond in a noteworthy way. The recipient may be career or volunteer.

- Chosen by the President
- AWARD- Significant Plaque with SEAF C Logo or Coin Inserted and Brass Nameplate

LEADERSHIP AWARD – Recognizes a Chief Officer who has demonstrated true professionalism and leadership. The recipient must have made a noteworthy and significant difference in his or her community, region or state relative to the fire or EMS service. The recipient shall have achieved significant results toward excellence on a local, regional or state level. This award may also recognize a Chief Officer who has demonstrated commitment to the safety and welfare of the citizens in their community or the personnel in their department or region. The recipient may be career or volunteer.

- Recommended by appointed committee and approved Board of Directors
- AWARD- Significant Plaque with Brass Nameplate

SEAF C SERVICE AWARD – Shall be bestowed upon an individual who has been either a Regular or a Life Member of the SEAF C for 5 years or more. Awards of recognition will be presented to those who have held membership for every 5 year increment. The Executive Director shall determine from IAFC/SEAF C records those members with the qualifying years of membership. The Executive Director shall report to the Awards Committee each year the number of recipients eligible for this award. Those recipients who attend the Annual Leadership Conference Installation Banquet will be recognized with the Service Award. Those eligible but not in attendance will receive the award by mail.

AWARDS-
5 Years- Certificate

10 and 15 Years- Certificate and SEAFc Service Pin
20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 Years- Certificate, SEAFc Service Pin and SEAFc Coin

INCOMING PRESIDENT'S RECOGNITION – Each incoming President shall be presented with the SEAFc President's Ring upon taking office of his or her forthcoming term as President. The President's ring shall be gold in color and engraved with his or her term of office dates. Upon completion of his or her term of office, the outgoing President shall be presented with a significant plaque with the SEAFc logo and brass nameplate in appreciation of service and leadership.

TYPES OF AWARDS

Awards presented to recipients may be in the form of plaques, certificates or collectible fire service products (i.e. axes, helmets, brass bugles, etc.). The type of award will be determined by what a sponsor chooses, or by each respective committee, the Board of Directors or the President and may be dependent upon funds available from year to year.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing in this policy will prohibit the President or the Board of Directors from presenting any other type of recognition not specifically described or listed, such as an award or certificate of appreciation for services or contributions to the SEAFc. Examples of such include recognizing LIFETIME SERVICE, RETIREMENTS, SERVICE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, ETC. These types of recognition shall be determined by the President, the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors or the Awards Committee on an as needed or appropriate basis.

ALL RECIPIENTS OF THE SPECIFICALLY LISTED AWARDS SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE SEAFc.

Adopted by the Board of Directors on this 5th day of May, 2015
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