

2026

Fire Department of the Year Nomination Form



Nomination Process:

- Three awards will be given based on the population of the community/city.
 1. Less than 5,000
 2. 5,000 - 20,000
 3. 20,000 or greater
- Please type (or print in black ink) up to four (4) pages of double-spaced text to describe your entry.
- Be clear, specific and concise, using the award criteria below.
- Submit no more than four (4) pages of support materials for your entry; these may include newspaper clippings, photographs, letters from your community, etc.
- Deadline for nominations will be April 1, 2026.

Things to include in your narrative:

- Clearly explain any projects or programs the department has implemented that benefits the community/city.
- Could other communities/cities convert the program/project to meet their needs?
- How were the original goals for the program/project established?
- How does the program/project operate, including financing and staffing?
- Is the program/project the first of its kind, or have you changed an existing program in a new and different way?
- How well has the program/project achieved its objectives? (Objectives and accomplishments/results should be clearly stated within this entry.)
- Did you partner with other groups to achieve your goals? Please explain the partnership.
- What is the program/project current and long-term value to the community/city?
- How has the community/city supported the program/project?
- Simple explanation of how your program/project saved your community money?
- Is your narrative neat and easy to read?

Judging Process:

- Judging will be conducted by the Arkansas Fire Convention Board of Directors.
- The board will be looking for the following in each entry:
 1. Is the application complete and are the necessary items enclosed.
 2. Is the program/project innovative?
 3. Did the program/project achieve its goal?
 4. What is the long-term value to the community/city?
 5. Can the program/project be adapted for other communities/cities?

Recognized Departments

- Winning departments will be notified by May 1, 2026.
- Awards will be presented at the 2026 AFC Awards Banquet on June 5, 2026.

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Arkansas

Please check your Population Category: (Please select one)

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Contact Person:

The following person will be the main contact if your department is selected.

Please Print or Type:

Name

Title

Department

Address

Phone Number

Email Address