Richard Van de Kieft

Award Criteria

The Richard Van de Kieft award is presented annually to an individual(s) who best exemplifies the character of a firefighter and who has an outstanding record of fire service achievements. These characteristics encompass all aspects of productive, resolute, and professional service, at local and state or county levels.

**Nominee Criteria**

* **Character:** The individual demonstrates the highest order of character. Including traits of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, and fairness. This individual is honest, loyal, and dependable. He/she is considerate of others.
* **DEDICATION**: He/She has demonstrated the highest degree of dedication, participation, and contributions within his/her fire department and to the fire service at a state, County, or regional level, including training, fire response, public education, and other fire service operations.
* **Loyalty:** The individual has demonstrated an allegiance to his/her fire department, and/or the state or County fire service, and to its’ firefighters. Is steadfast, striving to achieve or improve upon the goals of the fire service.
* **Productivity/Professionalism:** Performs their duties in a manner that exemplifies the competency that all firefighters should strive to achieve, and which reflects the highest standards of the fire service. Regularly demonstrates the desire to reduce fire losses and to improve fire protection in his/her community and the state