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## **Nomination Deadline for State Fire Awards Program Approaching**

*Submissions will be accepted until July 29*

**(COLUMBUS)** – The Division of Emergency Medical Services is seeking nominations for the Ohio Fire Service Hall of Fame and Fire Awards. The Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of State Fire Marshal and the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of EMS join together each year in September to honor all who serve Ohioans through the fire service.

“Each day in Ohio, firefighters save lives and perform countless noteworthy acts to their community,” said Ohio EMS Executive Director Mel House. “These awards are a tribute to those individuals and organizations whose overall contributions go beyond their basic duties and responsibilities and who represent the finest traditions of our profession.”

Categories seeking nominations include: Ohio Volunteer Fire Department of the Year; Ohio Fire Officer of the Year; Ohio Fire Educator Lifetime Achievement; Ohio Fire Service Instructor of the Year; and Ohio Fire Prevention Educator of the Year.

Award criteria, eligibility rules and nomination instructions are described at [www.ems.ohio.gov](http://www.ems.ohio.gov). Deadline for nominations is **July 29**.

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*The Ohio Department of Public Safety, through the Division of EMS, oversees the certification of emergency medical technicians and firefighters and ensures that the professionals in these lifesaving roles are properly trained, educated and prepared for emergency situations.*